

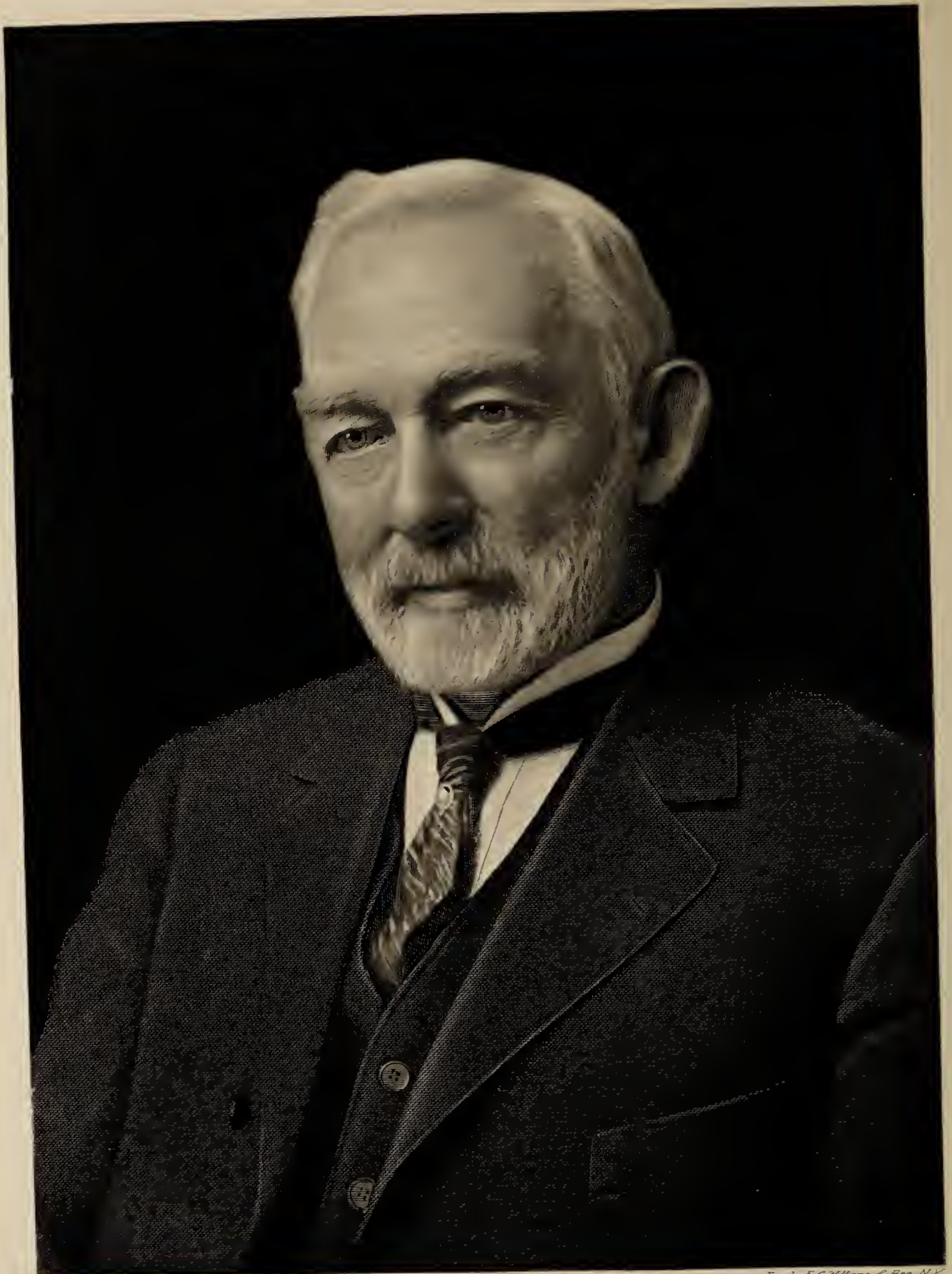
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comb) Ellis, was born at Bolton, Massachusetts, and died in Springfield, January 21, 1877, when Albert Nelson Ellis was only a child.

Albert Nelson Ellis was born at Enfield, Massachusetts, March 29, 1871. The family removing to Athol when he was a child and not long afterward making a second change to Springfield, it was in the public schools of the city of Springfield that his education was received. At the age of seventeen years Mr. Ellis returned to Athol, and on August 22, 1888, entered the employ of his grandfather, Nelson Whitcomb, in the coal business. He was active in this connection until the year 1894, when he bought the interest, changing the name to Albert N. Ellis & Company, but only a few years later, on July 1, 1897, he sold the business, to accept a position with the firm of Bates Brothers, one of the leading manufacturing concerns of Athol, producers of pocketbooks. Upon the incorporation of this concern in the year 1898, Mr. Ellis was made secretary of the company and later became assistant treasurer. In the year 1914, upon the death of his father-in-law, George D. Bates, who for many years had been treasurer of the corporation, Mr. Ellis succeeded to that office, which he still ably fills at the present time.

Mr. Ellis is affiliated with the financial world of Athol as a director of the Millers River National Bank, and is broadly interested in all that pertains to civic and industrial advance. He was recently elected delegate to the State Chamber of Commerce, after having been a member of the Athol Board of Trade for many years, and during the past three years, president of that body. Politically Mr. Ellis was formerly an adherent of the Democratic party, but now holds independent convictions and gives his influence to whatever party or candidate he believes best suited to meet the needs of the people. For twelve years he served as a member of the school committee, but has otherwise never accepted political honors. During the World War Mr. Ellis was active as a member of Company E, 20th Regiment, Massachusetts State Guard, and was sent to Boston, September 10, 1919, and was returned on October 11, of the same year. He was on duty during the intervening period at Scollay Square, Boston, this unit being active in the quelling of the strikes and riots of that period. Mr. Ellis enlisted as a private, was later made corporal and was mustered out of the service second lieutenant. Active in all that counts for community advance and public welfare, he has served for some years as president of the Athol branch of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Fraternally Mr. Ellis is widely prominent, being a member of Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he served as Master in 1901 and in 1913; Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Harris Council, Royal and Select Masters, all of Athol; also Athol Commandery, Knights Templar; and 1914 was District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic order. He is further a member of Lodge No. 1296, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Greenfield, Massachusetts; and of Tully Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His clubs are the Poquaug, of Athol, of which he is vice-president; and the Greenfield Country. In religious endeavor Mr. Ellis has long borne a constructive part, being a member of Hope Congregational Church of Springfield, and also of

the First Church, Unitarian, Inc., of Athol. He was one of the moving spirits in the agitation which resulted in the combining of the First and Second Unitarian churches of Athol into one body, which is now called the First Church Unitarian, Inc., and has acted as collector for this parish for twenty years. Mr. Ellis is one of the foremost men of this community, and although he has never accepted public responsibility of any great importance, he is one of the most influential men in the progress of all forward movements.

Mr. Ellis married, in Athol, Massachusetts, Maude Emily Bates, who was born at Montague, Massachusetts, December 24, 1870, the ceremony taking place June 20, 1894. Mrs. Ellis is a daughter of George D. and Harriet Wheat (Warner) Bates. Her father, who died February 5, 1914, had been a leading manufacturer of Athol since 1870. He was a native of South Deerfield, Massachusetts, and his mother, who was born at Greenfield, Massachusetts, died at Athol, in the year 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have two children: Margaret, who was born at Athol, July 16, 1904, is a graduate of Athol High School, class of 1922, and is now a student at the Boston Conservatory of Music, specializing on the piano and organ; and Richard Bates, born at Athol, May 27, 1906, now attending Athol High School. The beautiful Ellis residence, at No. 124 Ridge Avenue, Athol, is the center of a wide social circle.

PATRICK F. CANNON, a man of sterling character, whose natural qualities for leadership have won for him many honors at the hands of his associates, has been for nearly twenty years a practicing attorney in Clinton. Mr. Cannon is of Irish birth and parentage, having been born in County Galway, Ireland, February 10, 1861. Both his parents were born on Bobbin Island. The father, Arthur Cannon, who was engaged in farming throughout his life, died in 1904. The mother, who before her marriage was Bridget O'Malley, died in 1886.

Mr. Cannon acquired his early education in the public schools of his native land, supplemented with studies in the Clinton schools after the removal of the family to this country. He next took a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, after which he attended the Boston University Law School, and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1904. Immediately opening his office in Clinton, he began to build up a practice, meeting with flattering success, and has continued to follow his profession throughout the years to the present time. His office is located in the Bank Block.

In leading social, religious, and political circles, as well as professional, Mr. Cannon has always played a conspicuous part in the community life of Clinton, bringing the weight of his influence to bear upon whatever project was proposed for the improvement of conditions here. In political life he is high in the councils of the Democratic party, and for seven years served as secretary, treasurer and chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. He also was solicitor for the town of Clinton for two years. He is a devout communicant of St. John's Roman Catholic Church of Clinton, and very active in various prominent Catholic organizations. In the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Clinton he has filled all the offices of the order, including those of the president and treasurer of the Clinton order, president of

the county order, secretary of the State organization, and vice-president of the national order. Of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters he has been Chief Ranger and treasurer, as well as Deputy High Chief Ranger. He is also a prominent member of St. John's Temperance Society, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For two years he served as president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and has always been one of its most influential members.

The marriage of Mr. Cannon and Mary A. McGrath, of Clinton, took place in 1906, and they have one child, Arthur P. Cannon, who was born here March 21, 1908.

DR. GEORGE MOSSMAN—In choosing the medical profession as the field of his life work Dr. Mossman followed in the footsteps of his honored father and in his success, his choice has been well justified. Dr. Mossman comes of Scotch and English ancestry, and is a son of Dr. Alvero E. and Mary A. (Eacott) Mossman, his father of Scotch parentage and his mother a native of London, England. Dr. Alvero E. Mossman was born in Sweetland, California, his parents having crossed the plains to that State from Illinois in a prairie schooner at the time of the gold rush in 1849. They returned to the East *via* the Isthmus of Panama, thence by boat to New York City and located in Dracut, in the vicinity of Lowell, Massachusetts. Thirteen years of age when he became a resident of this State, Alvero E. Mossman, upon the completion of his elementary and preparatory studies, entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, in New York City, and was graduated in the class of 1884. Locating in Westminister, Massachusetts, he followed the practice of medicine until his death, which occurred December 19, 1913. Prominent in medical circles in the East, he was a member of the first medical staff of the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital, of Gardner, and had an extensive practice in the town of Gardner, as well as in Westminister. He was active in civic affairs in both communities and was well known fraternally, having been a member of all the Masonic bodies up to and including the commandery. The mother survived her husband for nearly two years, passing away August 6, 1915. They were married in Lowell, in 1878.

George Mossman, son of these parents, was born at Westminister, Massachusetts, November 16, 1889. His education was begun in the local public schools and he later attended Fitchburg High School, then Cushing Academy, at Ashburnham, Massachusetts, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1909. He then took one year of pre-medical work at Harvard University, after which he entered the college of medicine at Burlington, Vermont, from which institution he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine upon his graduation with the class of 1914. One year's internship followed at the Burbank Hospital at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, also a year's internship at the Carney Hospital, at Boston, Massachusetts, where he had charge of the special work in orthopedic surgery. With this excellent and unusually comprehensive preparation Dr. Mossman entered upon the private practice of medicine in Westminister in 1916, then in December, 1921, he removed to Gardner, where he now resides. He still retains his Westminister office and

divides his time between that community and the city of Gardner, his practice being very extensive in both places. Dr. Mossman stands high in the profession, is assistant surgeon and obstetrician at the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital, of Gardner, and is dispensing physician for the Society for the Prevention and Control of Tuberculosis, of Gardner. Dr. Mossman is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, and the Worcester North District Medical Society, also the Gardner Medical Society. In October, 1917, Dr. Mossman enlisted in the United States Medical Corps and was assigned to the orthopedic section, going to France with Base Hospital Unit No. 114, in May, 1918. He saw much service in France with this unit at Beau Desert, and was later transferred to Buffalo Unit Hospital, at Vittel, France, where he remained until the signing of the armistice. He was then returned to Base Hospital No. 114, and reaching the United States on July 1, 1919, received his honorable discharge from the service on the fourth day of the same month. He was commissioned first lieutenant on his enlistment and was promoted to the rank of captain during his period of service. Dr. Mossman is a member of Burlington, (Vermont) Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Rajah Temple, of Reading, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Calwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His chief relaxation is water sports and golf, and he is a member of the Gardner Boat Club, the American Legion, and the Oak Hill Country Club, of Fitchburg.

Dr. Mossman married, on June 25, 1921, Esther Jane Curtis.

FRANK L. MacNEILL, as president of the New England Envelope Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, holds a leading position in executive circles in the industrial life of Worcester, Massachusetts. A native of Nova Scotia he has been a resident of the United States since his youth, and during the greater part of the time has been identified with the business life of Worcester. He is a son of Joseph L. and Joanna A. (Israel) MacNeill. His father was a sea captain, and sailed from Baltimore and Philadelphia to foreign countries, his vessels carrying grain.

Frank L. MacNeill was born in Freeport, Nova Scotia, August 15, 1870. Receiving a practical education in the public schools of his birthplace, he left home at the age of seventeen years, and coming to Boston, he secured a position with the Bay State Watch Case Company, manufacturers of watch cases. There he was active in office work for about one year, after which he came to Worcester and secured employment with C. H. Ellsworth, a leading dry goods merchant, then in the Burnside Building. Remaining in this connection for about six months, he later entered the employ of the W. H. Hill Envelope Company. Forming this connection with a view to permanency Mr. MacNeill began in the packing department, then later served in the shipping department, eventually going into the office and continuing with that firm, in all, for about nineteen years.



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Then, in November, 1906, he began the manufacture of envelopes independently, under the name of the New England Envelope Company. Mr. MacNeill acted as superintendent of the plant, also directing the business office of the enterprise personally, and went forward until February 22, 1922, when the concern was reorganized, Mr. MacNeill becoming president, and Charles I. Newton, treasurer. This concern has attained a very high position in local business circles and also in the trade generally, their product being distributed widely in the East. As the head of the organization, Mr. MacNeill is doing much to carry the interest constantly forward, and his practical ability has long since placed it on a stable and enduring foundation. He is further interested in the business world of Worcester as president of the Standard Paper Goods Manufacturing Company, and is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally, Mr. MacNeill is widely prominent, being a member of Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Worcester Chapter Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix; Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Alethia Grotto; also Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Economic Club of Worcester, and his political convictions align with the principles of the Republican party, but he is never an office seeker. He attends the South Baptist Church.

Mr. MacNeill married, in Worcester, on December 12, 1892, Florence M. Wright, daughter of Horace and Mary Wright, and they have two children: Stanley W., born September 22, 1895; and Phyllis M., born September 16, 1899, now the wife of E. E. Eaton, and they have one son, Albert Conrad Eaton.

CLARENCE G. STEVENS, of Worcester, Massachusetts, in one of the most necessary and practical lines of commercial endeavor, is bearing a part in the public welfare and achieving large success. As one of the younger executives of the city he fills a responsible position in one of the oldest enterprises of its kind in Worcester County, for many years known under the firm name of the Genery Stevens Company, wholesale dealers in butter, eggs, cheese, lard, and flour, with the most complete and modern cold storage facilities.

Genery Stevens, founder of this business, was born in Athol, Massachusetts, and died in the city of Worcester, August 1, 1921, aged seventy-five years and one month. His first business experience in the field in which he won distinction was gained in the employ of a dealer named Heslor, whose organization he entered in 1867. During the two years in which he was connected with this interest he became thoroughly familiar with the business, and in 1869 established his own interest in partnership with a Mr. Chamberlain. This affiliation continued for about five years, the location of the business being at No. 525 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts. The firm was known as Stevens & Chamberlain until 1874, when Mr. Stevens purchased the interest of his partner. Later, when his son, William A. Stevens, became sixteen years of age, he was received into the organization as an employee, and event-

ually became the head of the firm. Meanwhile, the scope of the business was widened, and its growth was steady, therefore larger quarters were required, so in 1895 Mr. Stevens built the storehouse at No. 64 Bridge Street, where they are still located. Five stories were added to the building in 1915. The founder continued at the head of the organization until his retirement from all business activity in the year 1918. He was a man of large prominence in many branches of forward endeavor, having been a member of all the Masonic bodies, active in benevolent matters, and a deacon in the old South Congregational Church. On February 22, 1868, he married Ada S. Blakesley, of Barre, and they celebrated their golden wedding in 1915.

William A. Stevens, son of Genery and Ada S. (Blakesley) Stevens, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, April 4, 1880. Educated in the local schools, he has been closely identified with the above organization since the completion of his studies, and from the early years of his activity has been an important factor in the development of the business. Even before his father's retirement he held a large measure of responsibility, and when the concern was incorporated on April 1, 1919, William A. Stevens became president and treasurer of the company. Recognized as an able and progressive executive, he is highly esteemed by his contemporaries in every field of commercial advance. He spends his leisure in outdoor interests, and is a member of the Commonwealth Club of Worcester and the Worcester Country Club. He married, in August, 1897, Florence E. Kingston, daughter of George and Georgiana (Kindred) Kingston, and they are the parents of two children: Clarence G., of whom further; and Muriel C., born September 27, 1905.

Clarence G. Stevens was born December 15, 1901. He received his education in the public and high schools of the city of Worcester, and as a young man became interested in the affairs of the Genery Stevens Company, of which his grandfather was then still the head. Taking a subordinate position in the organization, Mr. Stevens familiarized himself with every detail of the business. He is now filling a position of executive responsibility, and is counted among the broadly alert and promising young men of the day in the business life of Worcester County. Mr. Stevens is well known and popular in social and club circles in Worcester, and is deeply interested in all lines of progressive effort for the community.

Mr. Stevens married, on March 29, 1922, Eleanor C. Miller, of Worcester, and they reside in the suburbs of this city.

JOHN EDWARD TALBOT, A. B., LL. B., M. D.—One of the foremost names in the medical profession in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, is that of Dr. John Edward Talbot, whose training was received in the institutions of his native State, and who has been in active practice in this city for about ten years. Dr. Talbot is prominent also fraternally and among club circles in this city. He is a son of Zephaniah Talbot, who was active in the United States Navy during the Civil War, and for two years prior to that struggle was chief engineer. He later became a prominent manufacturer of Boston, and his lifetime was spent in the

production of shoe nails and tacks. The mother, Eliza Frances (Paul) Talbot, was also a member of a Massachusetts family.

John Edward Talbot was born at Holliston, Massachusetts, November 1 1879. His education was begun in the local public schools and he later attended the Boston Latin School and thereafter Volkman's Private School, where his preparatory studies were covered. Entering Harvard University, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from that institution in the class of 1902, after which he took up the study of law at the same university and received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1905. Determining thereafter to make the profession of medicine the scene of his life work, he entered Harvard Medical School and was graduated in the class of 1912, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His hospital experience was unusually comprehensive, for he was first active as interne at the Free Hospital for Women, then was identified with the medical service of the Massachusetts General Hospital, after which he was active at the Boston Lying-in Hospital. Coming to Worcester to take up the practice of his chosen profession, Dr. Talbot has been engaged along this line continuously since, specializing in obstetrics. He has been largely successful and is considered an authority along the lines of his specialty, in which he is widely sought in this city and vicinity. In political affairs Dr. Talbot supports the Republican party, but his professional activities have commanded his attention so fully that he has never as yet found leisure to take a leading part in public affairs. He is a member of the American Medical Association and the Massachusetts Medical Society, and fraternally is a member of Mount Hollis Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; Mt. Lebanon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Milford Commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Boylston Society and the Aesculapian Society. He belongs to the Worcester Club and the Tatnuck Country Club, and is also a member of the Bohemians. His religious affiliation is with the Unitarian church.

Dr. Talbot married (first), at Framingham, Massachusetts, June 12, 1907, Florence Sanger, who died March 12, 1908. He married (second), at Brookline, Massachusetts, April 8, 1916, Florence L. Moore. John E. and Florence (Sanger) Talbot were the parents of one child, Elizabeth, born March 7, 1908, and died March 24, 1908.

CAPTAIN HERBERT F. HARTWELL, A. B.—

In the industrial world of Gardner, Massachusetts, Captain Hartwell holds a broadly responsible position as export manager for the John A. Dunn Company, manufacturers of chairs, reed furniture of various kinds, and baby carriages. Educated both in America and in France, and with extensive experience as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces during the World War, Mr. Hartwell is especially fitted for his present responsibilities, and his work is giving great impetus to the export business of the concern. Captain Hartwell comes of a very old family of Massachusetts, for many years residing in Bridgewater, where they settled late in the eighteenth century. Captain Hart-

well's grandfather, Isaac Hartwell, was a lieutenant in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Francis Hartwell, Captain Hartwell's father, was born and reared in old Plymouth Colony, but is now a resident of Brockton, and holds a prominent position in the shoe industry in that city. He married, in Brockton, in the seventies, Nellie Mowry, who was also born and reared in old Plymouth Colony, and is still living.

Captain Herbert F. Hartwell was born at Brockton, Massachusetts, June 8, 1880. His education was begun in the public schools of the city, and he is a graduate of Boston University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with the class of 1903. He later went abroad and attended the Sorbonne, at Paris, France, during 1903-04, then, in the fall of 1904, he returned to America. He was made an instructor at the Boston University, filling that position for one year. He then took up public school work and was made the head of the modern language department of the Portland (Maine) High School. He later filled a similar position at the Technical High School, at Springfield, Massachusetts, and his work in this field covered a period of about eleven years. It was from such duties as these that he left civilian life to enter the military service, and his record, which follows below, is one of honor and distinction. Upon his return to civilian life in June, 1919, Captain Hartwell accepted his present responsible position with the John A. Dunn Company, of Gardner, and as their export manager has carried the interests of the concern into new fields, where they are meeting with constantly widening success. His work carries him abroad once or twice each year, and his marked executive ability, added to his extensive experience in foreign countries, gives the Dunn interests an executive of unusual worth in Captain Hartwell. He is a member and director of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and is active in all that pertains to the welfare and advance of the community, serving also as vice-chairman of the Gardner School Board.

The military record of Captain Herbert F. Hartwell began some years ago, when he enlisted in the National Guard of the State of Maine. He was later identified with the National Guard of the State of Massachusetts for a period of eight years, was commissioned second lieutenant in 1913, and two years later was commissioned captain. On March 25, 1917, on the call of the President of the United States, Captain Hartwell's regiment, the 2d Massachusetts Infantry, was sworn into the Federal service and became the 104th Infantry, 26th Division, American Expeditionary Forces. They sailed for France on September 26 1917, and this was the first complete American division to reach French soil prepared for service in the field. Captain Hartwell was under this command until June 1, 1918, when he was transferred to the Liaison Service American Expeditionary Forces, and was attached to the headquarters of the 20th French Army Corps. During his service in this connection he received two decorations from the French Government, the Croix de Guerre, citation by Marshal Pétain for the capture of a German bombing plane with officers and crew, and the Legion of Honor on citation of the commander of the 20th French Corps, also citations from General Edwards, commanding the 26th Division, his regimental commander, and the chief of the



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Liaison Service, American Expeditionary Forces. Captain Hartwell was returned to the United States in June, 1919, and he received his honorable discharge from the service. He is a member of the Cercle Nationale des Armées de Terre et de Mer of Paris, France, a French army and navy club. Captain Hartwell is a member of the Y. D. Club, of Boston, and is deeply interested in the Boy Scout movement, acting as president of the Gardner Council of Boy Scouts. Fraternally he is identified with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; and Worcester Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. His clubs are The Gardner Boat and the Chair City, and he is a member of the association of the Levi Heywood Memorial Association. His church association is with Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, of which he is vestryman.

Captain Hartwell married, in 1906, Georgia M. Rodick, of West Roxbury, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of five children: Hope, a junior in Gardner High School (1923); H. Roger, a freshman in Gardner High School; Constance G.; Priscilla F.; and Patience R.; the younger children all in the grammar schools of Gardner.

ROY M. THOMAS—The city of Leominster, Massachusetts, is fortunate in its large number of business men who have by energy and ability worked their way up from the bottom to responsible and important business positions, either in the employ of large concerns or as owners and managers of a business of their own. Among the latter is Roy M. Thomas, who since 1916 has been the owner and manager of a prosperous plumbing and heating establishment in Leominster.

Roy M. Thomas was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, December 25, 1892, his parents Farwell N. Thomas, a meat cutter of Worcester, and Jennie M. (Marshall) Thomas. He received his earliest education in Worcester, but in 1904, when he was twelve years of age, moved with his parents to Leominster, where his education was completed. He was deeply interested in mechanical and engineering lines, and even during his school days he utilized his spare time studying various branches of the engineering business. When his school training was completed he apprenticed himself to John B. Farnsworth, plumber and steam fitter, of Leominster, in whose employ he remained from 1908 to 1914. During this period he was still using much of his spare time in study and experiment, and was steadily becoming more expert as a plumber and steam fitter. In 1914 he severed his connection with Mr. Farnsworth and became identified with the Thompson & Spear Company, of Boston, plumbers, by whom he was employed as an estimator. Two years later he returned to Leominster and purchased the interests of John B. Farnsworth, his first employer, and since that time has continued to successfully conduct a steadily growing business. In December, 1916, the business was incorporated under the name of the J. B. Farnsworth Company, Roy M. Thomas, president; Joseph B. Spear, treasurer, and Frank S. Farnsworth, director. Mr. Thomas has made for himself a reputation as a skillful and reliable plumber, and has built up one of the best known plumbing establishments in Leominster. The firm has filled many important plumbing and heating contracts, including the Nashua High

School, of Nashua, New Hampshire; F. A. Whitney Carriage Company, of Leominster; The Viscoloid Company, of Leominster; Forbes Lithographing Company, of Boston; Plunkett Hospital, of Adams, Massachusetts; Marine Barracks, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Noland School, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts; Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company, of Thompsonville, Connecticut; Young Women's Christian Association, of Bridgeport, Connecticut; Turner Center Creamery, of Providence, Rhode Island; and the Rialto Theatre of Leominster. In 1918 a Boston branch office of the business was opened at No. 44 Broomfield Street, and the work of the firm now extends all over New England and other points.

Along with his business activities Mr. Thomas has always been ready to do his part as a public-spirited citizen, and has always taken an interest in local public affairs. During the World War he was detailed for special government work, stationed at Fort Adams, Newport, Rhode Island, and later at Fort Trumbull, as one of the United States Coast Guard, at New London, Connecticut. At the latter place he had charge of the installations of the plumbing and heating apparatus of the entire camp. Mr. Thomas is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of Leominster Lodge, No. 86, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Leominster Lodge, No. 1237, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Columbian Lodge, No. 100, Knights of Pythias; and Wachusett Tribe, No. 41, Improved Order of Red Men. He is also a member of the Sons of Veterans, and of the United Commercial Travelers' Association, and his clubs are the Leominster and the Monoosnock Country Club. His religious affiliation is with the First Baptist Church of Leominster.

On May 26, 1915, at Lunenburg, Massachusetts, Roy M. Thomas married Elsie G. Fish, daughter of Wellman and Lyra (Heywood) Fish, her father a prominent farmer and dairyman of Lunenburg. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are the parents of three children: Ruth Lyra, born in West Medford, Massachusetts May 28, 1916; Roger Wellman, born in Leominster, October 27, 1917; and Rachel Barbara, born in Leominster, March 1, 1920.

ALVIN WARREN BANCROFT—The ancestor of this branch of the Bancroft family, Lieutenant Thomas Bancroft, was born in England in 1622, son of John and Jane Bancroft. He came to New England, bought land at now Lynnfield, and built a home near Beaver Dam. At the time of his second marriage in 1648, he is spoken of as "of Reading," where it is known that he owned land. He married (first) at Dedham, in 1647, Alice Bacon, daughter of Michael Bacon, of Dedham, and married (second), in 1648, Elizabeth Metcalfe, daughter of Michael and Sarah Metcalfe. Children: Thomas, of whom further; Elizabeth, John, Sarah, Raham, Sarah (2), Ebenezer, and Mary. Thomas Bancroft died August 19, 1691.

(II.) Deacon Thomas Bancroft, son of Lieutenant Thomas and Elizabeth (Metcalfe) Bancroft, was born in 1649, and died November 9, 1691. He was an officer in King Philip's War, and a Selectman of Reading for several years. He lived in the Bancroft homestead in the western part of Reading, and his was the fourth house built in the West Parish. He married, in 1673,

Sarah Poole, daughter of Jonathan and Judith Poole. Children, all born in Reading, Massachusetts: Thomas (3), Jonathan, Sarah, Mehitable, Jonathan (2), Raham, of further mention; Judith, Samuel, died young; Samuel (2), and Elizabeth.

(III.) Deacon Raham Bancroft, son of Deacon Thomas and Sarah (Poole) Bancroft, was born in 1684 and died in 1758. Rev. Mr. Hobby, in recording his death, said: "That good man, my friend, Deacon Bancroft." He married (first), in 1706, Abigail Eaton, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Mason) Eaton. She died in 1728, aged forty. They were the parents of David, of whom further. He married (second), in 1730, Ruth Kendall, who died in 1758, daughter of Samuel and Mary Kendall. Raham Bancroft's children were: Joshua, Abigail, James, died young; Ruth, Abigail (2), Judith, and James (2).

(IV.) David Bancroft, son of Deacon Raham and Abigail (Eaton) Bancroft, was born at Reading, Massachusetts, in 1718, and died at Auburn, Massachusetts, April 16, 1782. He married (first) Eunice, surname unknown, who died October 15, 1777, aged fifty-seven. He married (second) Abigail, surname unknown, who died January 4, 1779. He married (third) Ruth, surname unknown, who died August 2, 1809, aged ninety-four. Children: Eunice, David, Jonas, John, Ebenezer, Jonathan, of further mention; Mary, Ruth, Hannah, Timothy, and Nathaniel.

(V.) Jonathan Bancroft, son of David and Eunice Bancroft, came from Auburn to Gardner, Massachusetts, and followed his trade of shoemaker in connection with farming. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and was at the surrender of Burgoyne in 1777. He married Sarah Case, and they were the parents of seven children: Jonathan, Smyrna, of further mention; Sarah, Mary, Betsey, Lucy, and Roxanna. Sarah (Case) Bancroft died February 17, 1816, and he married a second wife, Elizabeth, who died December 2, 1822. He died September 25, 1826.

(VI.) Smyrna Bancroft, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Case) Bancroft, was born May 15, 1776, died May 5, 1818. He married Sarah Whitney, of Winchendon, Massachusetts, and they were the parents of six children: Harvey M., Smyrna Winslow, of further mention; Mary E., Sarah W., Amasa, and Viola.

(VII.) Smyrna Winslow Bancroft, son of Smyrna and Sarah (Whitney) Bancroft, was born December 13, 1804. He married Lucy Jackson, daughter of Elisha and Relief (Beard) Jackson, and they were the parents of seven children: Sarah W., Walter, Mary, Charles, of further mention; Elmira, Amasa, and Eugene.

(VIII.) Charles Bancroft, son of Smyrna Winslow and Lucy (Jackson) Bancroft, was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, May 5, 1836. He married Lydia Maria Parish, and they were the parents of Alvin Warren, of whom further.

(IX.) Alvin Warren Bancroft, son of Charles and Lydia Maria (Parish) Bancroft, was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, August 9, 1873, and there completed public school courses of study with graduation from high school. He then entered Harvard University, whence he was graduated Bachelor of Science, class of 1895. After leaving Harvard he entered the office employ of the Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company.

He was advanced in position with the years and filled each place so efficiently that he rapidly rose in rank, becoming, in February, 1920, general manager of the Gardner plant. He fills an important place in the business life of the State and fills it most ably. He is also a director of the Gardner Savings Bank.

Mr. Bancroft is a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Gardner Boat Club. The family are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He is a Republican in politics, and for several years has been a member of the School Board. The family home is in Gardner.

Mr. Bancroft married, August 21, 1900, Emily Washburn, of Gardner, and they are the parents of two sons: Raymond Washburn, a graduate of Harvard University, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1922, completing the course in three years; and Richard, now a freshman at Harvard.

CHARLES EDWARD THOMPSON, M. D.—A native of Massachusetts, Dr. Thompson is a son of Charles Edward and Ellen Louise (Simpson) Thompson, both natives of York, Maine. The father was engaged in mercantile pursuits in the city of Portland for many years, but his business was entirely swept away by the disastrous and historic Portland fire, and having advanced in years, he practically retired from activity following that event. He died in Middleton, Massachusetts, in the year 1890. The mother still survives him, and is a resident of Malden, Massachusetts.

Dr. Charles Edward Thompson was born at Middleton, Massachusetts, on January 24, 1879. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he is a graduate of the Holden High School, of the class of 1898. Entering Harvard University Medical School after special preparation, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1902, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Even during his student days, Dr. Thompson gave especial attention to mental diseases, and six months prior to his graduation he entered the Massachusetts State Infirmary as an interne and served in this capacity for a year and a half. He was then made a member of the staff of this institution and continued in that capacity until coming to Gardner in October, 1904. At that time he accepted the position of assistant superintendent of the Gardner State Colony, and continued in that capacity for two years and a half. In April, 1907, he was made superintendent and physician-in-chief of the Gardner State Colony, in which position he has since continued with the exception of two and a half years. It was in October, 1911, that he resigned from the colony to accept the appointment of executive officer of the State Board of Insanity, the officers of this board being in the State House at Boston. Dr. Thompson ably filled the responsibilities of this position until February 1914, when he returned to the Gardner State Colony, and has since been in charge as before. The institution has nine hundred and twenty-five patients and two hundred officers. In all these activities Dr. Thompson has done much constructive work, looking toward the betterment of conditions, not only in the care of the mentally afflicted, but toward the possibility of prevention of serious mental disorders. He was instrumental in organizing the Massachusetts

Society of Mental Hygiene, of which he has been secretary since its inception. The chief aim of this organization is the study of causes as related to results in mental diseases and to secure better care for the mentally afflicted, also the endeavor to awaken the people to the study and prevention of mental troubles, which are rapidly increasing. Dr. Thompson has given this subject the most extensive research, has written more or less regarding it, and is quoted as one of the foremost authorities of the day on the treatment of mental affections. He is a member of the American Psychiatric Association, the New England Society of Psychiatry, the Boston Society of Psychiatry and Neurology, and the Massachusetts Medical Society. Fraternally he is identified with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; and the Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Dr. Thompson married, in May, 1907, Enza Leone MacGill of Malden, Massachusetts.

ARTHUR NELSON BALL, M. D.—As assistant superintendent of the Gardner State Colony, Dr. Ball is bearing a noteworthy part in the care and treatment of mental diseases in this State, and his success is counting for the advance of the institutions and the welfare of its patients. Dr. Ball is a native of Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and is a son of William and Mary (Pierce) Ball. His father was born in Oswego, New York, and was a farmer and lumberman by occupation, becoming a prominent figure in this industry in Windsor, Massachusetts, where he operated a saw mill for a number of years, his death occurring while in that business. The mother, who was born at Peru, Massachusetts, still survives him, and is now a resident of Cummington.

Dr. Ball was born in Peru, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, March 7, 1884. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Windsor, and he later attended Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated in the class of 1906. His choice of a profession early made, he entered the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1911, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. One year's internship followed at the General Hospital of Paterson, New Jersey, and thereafter he became assistant physician at the Northampton State Hospital, at Northampton, Massachusetts. His work at that institution was interrupted by his enlistment in the Medical Corps of the United States Army on January 15, 1918. He was commissioned first lieutenant and was later promoted to the rank of captain, serving for five months at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and at Camp Hancock, Georgia, for eight months; thereafter at Fort Logan (Colorado) Army Post, for three months, and finally at Camp Grant, Illinois, where he remained until June 30, 1919, when he received his honorable discharge from the service. Immediately after his discharge Dr. Ball returned to the Northampton State Hospital as senior assistant physician of that institution, and remained until November 2, 1921, when he became assistant superintendent of the Gardner State Colony, in which capacity he now serves. During his entire ex-

perience, including that in the military camps at various points, he has made a special study of neuropsychiatry treatment, and is rapidly gaining a position of prominence in the treatment and prevention of mental diseases. Dr. Ball is a member of the American Psychiatric Association, of the New England Psychiatric Society, and the American Medical Association, and the Worcester North Medical Society. Fraternally he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, but otherwise has few interests which do not closely align with his work.

Dr. Ball married, on August 12, 1918, Mae Turner, of Cummington, Massachusetts.

HARRISON GREENWOOD—As a successful man, as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, as well as in fraternal circles, Harrison Greenwood of the insurance concern which operates under the name Greenwood Brothers, is well known and highly esteemed in Gardner, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

Alson J. Greenwood, father of Harrison Greenwood, was born in Hubbardston, Massachusetts, September 27, 1829, and after receiving a good practical education in the public schools of his native district, engaged in farming, which occupation he followed throughout his active life. In spite of his out-of-door life, however, he was not a man of rugged health, and when, at the beginning of the Civil War, he tried to enlist for service he got no further than Greenfield, Massachusetts, where he was rejected because he could not pass the physical tests. He married Martha G. Moulton, daughter of Sewell and Polly (Hunting) Moulton, and they were the parents of four sons: Dr. Sewell E., of Templeton, Massachusetts, now deceased; Arthur D., of Hubbardston, Massachusetts, now deceased; Silas A., of Winchendon, Massachusetts; and Harrison, of further mention.

Harrison Greenwood was born in Hubbardston, Massachusetts, August 31, 1863, and received his education in the public schools of Hubbardston. Upon the completion of his high school course he entered the employ of S. Bent & Company, Inc., serving in the capacity of shipping clerk, and this connection he maintained for a period of ten years. At the end of that time he accepted a position in the office of S. K. Pierce & Son Company, with whom he remained for a period of three years. He then, in 1895, engaged in the insurance business in association with his brother. Since that time, under the firm name of Greenwood Brothers, insurance, the two brothers have built up a large and successful insurance business. They deal in all kinds of insurance, and have made for themselves an enviable reputation as straightforward and honest business men, as well as being experts in their line. Mr. Greenwood is well known in fraternal circles in Gardner. He is a member of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Gardner, and is Past Master of same; and of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 46, Knights Templar; he is also a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of the Improved Order of Red Men. He has always taken an active interest in the public welfare of the city of Gardner, and has rendered efficient service as a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and in addition to his respon-

sibilities and activities in the insurance business, he is also treasurer of the Gardner Coöperative Bank.

Harrison Greenwood married, on July 15, 1885, Alice M. Priest, of Delaware, daughter of Abraham and Mary A. (Wilder) Priest. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood are the parents of two children: 1. Howard P., who was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, December 4, 1887, and died in November, 1918, during the "flu" epidemic. He married Jessie G. Stevens, and they became the parents of two children: Willard P., who was born October 16, 1912; and Barbara, who was born November 5, 1916. 2. Grace G., who was born in Gardner, November 13, 1888; she married, May 2, 1923, Lester H. Carter.

WILLIAM DAGGETT EARL—When William Daggett Earl came to Leominster in 1870 he was a man of forty with a wide business experience gained in many fields. He signalized his coming by organizing the firm of W. D. Earl & Company, manufacturers of horn combs and buttons, a company which he successfully developed and managed more than forty years before surrendering control to his successor, his son, William Bruce Earl, who had been associated with him in business for sixteen years. When William Daggett Earl retired from the business he founded and had managed for forty-one years, he had reached the age of eighty-one. The old veteran survived his retirement five years, and then at the age of eighty-six passed quietly and peacefully away, honored and beloved by all who knew him, and few there were in his community who did not. He was the son of William Henry and Maria (Daggett) Earl, and is believed to have been a descendant of Ralph Earl, who settled in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1634, and died in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1678. He was a man of importance in the colony, and at his death left sons, Ralph and William. Since then Ralph and William have been persistent names in the family, finally descending upon William Henry Earl, who conferred it upon his son, William Daggett Earl and he upon his son, William Bruce Earl (q. v.)

On the Daggett side he was a descendant of Thomas and Hannah (Mayhew) Daggett, of Martha's Vineyard, who were also the ancestors of John and David Daggett, of Attleboro, the latter a graduate of Yale in 1783; a member of the Connecticut Legislature, 1791-1814; speaker of the House in 1794; State Senator, 1797-1804; United States Senator, 1813-1819; Judge of the Connecticut Supreme Court, 1826-1832; Chief Justice, 1832-1834, when he reached the age limit and retired, dying in New Haven, Connecticut, April 12, 1851, at the age of eighty-seven.

William Daggett Earl was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts (in that part afterward incorporated as North Attleboro), August 5, 1830, and died at his home in Lowell, Massachusetts, June 13, 1916. He obtained his early education in the public schools of his district and at North Attleboro Academy, being there a classmate of Oliver Ames, afterward Governor of Massachusetts. In 1848 he entered Norwich University, at Norwich, Vermont, and there remained one year, leaving the university at the age of nineteen to enter business life. He began his business connection with manufacturing, as an employee of Whitney & Davenport, going from that

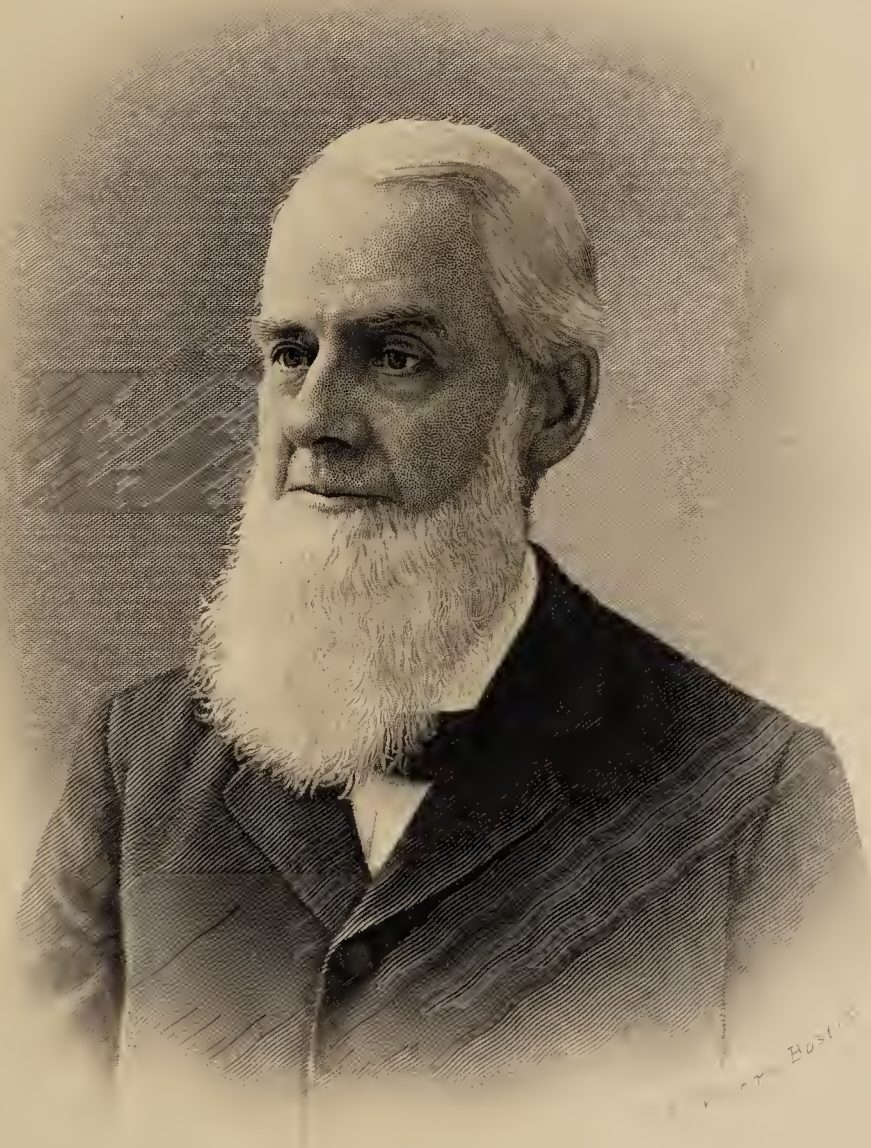
company to H. M. Richards, both being engaged in the manufacture of jewelry in North Attleboro. In 1857 he formed a partnership with his brother, Thomas A. Earl, and John Ferguson, they forming the firm Earl, Ferguson & Company, manufacturing jewelers, of North Attleboro, William D. Earl retiring from the firm in the fall of 1858. In the fall of that year he was elected to represent Attleboro in the Massachusetts Legislature, and at the close of the session of 1859 Mr. Earl entered the employ of H. F. Barrows, a large manufacturer of jewelry, located in North Attleboro.

In 1862 Mr. Earl was again elected Representative from Attleboro. At the expiration of his term he became an inspector in the United States Armory at Springfield, continuing in that position two and a half years. He then removed his residence to Boston, there finding a position with his old employer, H. M. Richards, who had removed his business to Boston. He remained with Mr. Richards for three years, then formed a partnership with M. W. Carr, under the firm name M. W. Carr & Company, and for two years they engaged in manufacturing jewelry in Boston. In 1869 Mr. Earl retired from the firm and removed to Leominster, Massachusetts, where he began business with his brother, Thomas A. Earl, as partner, they operating as William D. Earl & Company, manufacturers of horn combs and kindred articles made from horn. Horn manufacture is a favorite Leominster activity, but no firm prospered more abundantly than William D. Earl & Company. Thomas A. Earl retired from the firm in 1899, William D. Earl continuing alone until his retirement in 1911.

Mr. Earl's experience in politics taught him it was the part of wisdom for a business man to avoid its enticements until settled and in circumstances to take the time from his business that a public position demands, consequently, for the balance of his life he gave himself to the interests of William D. Earl & Company, and persistently refused all further political honors. He was a Free Soil Whig until the forming of the Republican party, afterward usually supporting the candidates of that party, but he was not partisan, and never bound himself to any party so closely that it deprived him of the privilege of independent thought and action. In religious faith he was a Universalist and always most tender hearted and charitable in his judgments of his fellow-men.

William Daggett Earl married, June 23, 1857, Helen B. Corliss, daughter of John L. and Lydia (Woodbury) Corliss, of Lowell, Massachusetts. To Mr. and Mrs. Earl four children were born: Florence, died in infancy; Josephine, lives in Lowell, Massachusetts; Mary (Earl) Woods, lives in Lowell; and William Bruce, whose sketch follows. Mrs. Helen B. (Corliss) Earl died in June, 1869, at Lowell, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM BRUCE EARL—In the year 1895 William Bruce Earl came to Leominster, Massachusetts, a young man of twenty-six years, and there became associated with his father in the firm of William D. Earl & Company, manufacturers of horn combs, ivory buttons, and similar products. The years, twenty-eight, which have since intervened, have brought high business reputation, and when the founder retired from the management in 1911, at the age of eighty-one, the son assumed



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the responsibility, and the firm, now the corporation, has steadily pursued a successful course through the oft-times troubled business seas. He is the only son of William Daggett and Helen B. (Corliss) Earl, who, at the time of the birth of their son, were living in Lowell, Massachusetts.

William Bruce Earl was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, April 25, 1869, and there began his education in the public schools. After finishing preparatory school work he entered Dartmouth College, whence he was graduated Bachelor of Science, class of 1892. After graduation he spent three years in New York City with the jewelry house of Aiken, Lambert & Company, of Maiden Lane, then, in 1895, joined his father and uncle in the firm of William D. Earl & Company, organized in 1869. Four years later the uncle, Thomas A. Earl, retired, father and son continuing in close business association until 1911, when the father retired, leaving the son in control. In January, 1912, the business was incorporated as W. D. Earl & Company, Incorporated, William B. Earl, treasurer, an office he yet ably fills. The company manufactures a line of horn and ivory goods in large quantities, leading all other Leominster manufacturers of that class of goods. The company has now been in business as firm and corporation under the same name for fifty-four years, 1869-1923, and is still owned in the Earl name, as it has been from the beginning.

Mr. Earl is a member of the Unitarian church, serving on the official board and as chairman of the parish committee. In political faith he is a Republican, and in civic progress a member of the Chamber of Commerce and ex-president. He is also a member of Leominster Red Cross, of which he is past president; member of Wachusett Camp, Boy Scouts of America, and (1923) vice-president and counsel. His clubs are the Leominster and the Monoosnock Country. His favorite recreations are traveling and golf.

On October 12, 1904, William B. Earl married Joanna Thayer, of Milford, Massachusetts, daughter of George and Agnes (Cook) Thayer. They are the parents of two children: Agnes Helen, born January 30, 1909; and William Bruce (2), born April 11, 1911.

GEORGE FREDERICK CURLEY, M. D., a representative physician of Milford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, has for twenty-five years practiced in this community and has won a very high place in the confidence and regard of the people. Dr. Curley is a native of the State of Massachusetts, where his family has lived for many years, and he is a son of Walter and Mary (Sullivan) Curry.

George Frederick Curley was born at Upton, Massachusetts, June 1, 1872. His early education was acquired in the local public schools and the high school, and he was graduated from the Massachusetts College of Agriculture, at Amherst, in the class of 1893. Then choosing the medical profession for the field of his life work, he entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1896, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the year following his graduation, Dr. Curley acted as interne at the General Hospital of Elizabeth, New Jersey, then in 1897 returned to his

native State to practice, settling at Milford. He early gained the good will of the people and his success was assured from the first. He has now for many years held a leading position in the profession in this part of the county of Worcester, and is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and the Worcester County Medical Society. He serves on the surgical staff of the Milford Hospital, and for a number of years has acted as assistant medical examiner of Worcester County. A Democrat by political affiliation, Dr. Curley lends his support to all branches of public advance, but has never accepted official responsibilities, except along the lines of his professional work. He was active in many branches of home endeavor during the World War, also served as chairman of the medical advisory board. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Columbus, and of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Curley married, in Milford, Massachusetts, on June 20, 1900, Cecelia McGann, daughter of John and Mary McGann, and they are the parents of one daughter, Regina.

THE HON. GEORGE J. BRUNELL, one of the most prominent figures in Webster, Massachusetts, in manufacturing circles, in civic affairs, in fraternal matters, and in all social and benevolent advance, has for many years been identified with the progress of the community, and is now enjoying more than local prominence as a manufacturer of confectionery. Mr. Brunell is a son of Ambroise and Celina (Huot) Brunell. His father was a painter and interior decorator and for many years was employed in the car shops of Springfield, Massachusetts, in this capacity.

George J. Brunell was born at St. Cesaire, Province of Quebec, Canada, November 1, 1866. The family removing to Springfield, Massachusetts, in his childhood, and he was educated in the public schools of that city, covering both grammar and high school courses. While still at school and for a time thereafter he was employed at various clerical positions, such as a youth with only slight experience can handle, then he went to Worcester, Massachusetts, to become associated with his brother, A. H. Brunell. This brother was engaged in the manufacture of confectionery, and there Mr. Brunell thoroughly familiarized himself with the trade in all its branches, eventually having charge of the factory and becoming a partner. Coming to Webster in the year 1899, Mr. Brunell started for himself in a small way, jobbing confectionery and during the early years of this experience was more or less on the road as a salesman. In time he enlarged his business materially and added a manufacturing branch and his success has enabled him to expand the interest very largely. He now has a thoroughly up-to-date factory, well built and spacious, fitted up with all the improved machinery and equipment for the manufacture of a strictly high class product. His product is marketed through jobbers and to the retail trade, and he employs twenty-five to thirty people. Mr. Brunell is a man of genial spirit, and from the Webster school boy who calls at the store with his penny to the biggest order from Southern Texas or Western Oklahoma, every customer feels the cordiality with which he meets the trade. His success has been

well earned, and to all who know him he is the type which represents the best American citizenship. Mr. Brunell has for many years been active in any progressive effort or movement which promised to be of benefit to the community of Webster. Politically he supports the Republican party, and for fourteen years he has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, now acting as chairman of the board. For five years he represented this district in the Massachusetts State Legislature, his work as a legislator reflected credit not only on himself but on his constituents. During the World War Mr. Brunell was very active as chairman of the Advisory Board and Public Safety Committee, also chairman of "four-minute" men. He is a forceful and persuasive public speaker and devoted much of his time to addressing gatherings, both impromptu and on programmes prearranged, in the interest of recruiting and also for the many drives of the time. Mr. Brunell was a foremost worker for the honor roll tablet, which now is the pride of Webster, raising a larger portion of the money required. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Improved Order of Red Men, and associate member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a member of Club Gagnon, and is a charter member and one of the founders of the Worcester Commercial Travelers' Club. His religious affiliation is with the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Brunell married, at Webster, Rose A. Authier, daughter of Hubert and Laura (Benoit) Authier. Mr. Authier was a veteran of the Civil War, and for many years a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; also prominent in town affairs, serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen, being Mr. Brunell's predecessor on the board. He was a grocer by occupation.

EDWIN F. BRAINARD—A prominent executive of the world-famous chair industry of Gardner, Massachusetts, is Edwin F. Brainard, who for upwards of twenty-nine years, has been identified with the firm of S. K. Pierce & Son Company a leading concern in this field in the Chair City. Mr. Brainard is preëminently a man of business, and his interests are broad in their scope.

The Brainard family is one of the very old families of New York City, and there James F. Brainard Mr. Brainard's father, was born. Reared and educated in the metropolis, James F. Brainard was a youth of eighteen years when the war broke out between the North and the South, and fresh from school he enlisted in defence of the Union. One of the very first volunteers of that stirring time, he joined the Hawkins' Zouaves, and served with that body until the battle of Antietam, in which he was wounded. Following his discharge from the hospital, he was assigned to detached duty, and sent to New York City, where he served until the close of the war. Upon his return to the activities of civilian life James F. Brainard associated himself with the internationally known firm of Belding Brothers, silk manufacturers, securing a position in their New York office. There he displayed a marked genius for the matching of colors, a talent particularly valuable to the concern in their line of industrial endeavor. He was sent to the Northampton (Massachusetts) fac-

tories of the company, where, until the close of his active career he held the position of color expert. He died in the year 1904, at the age of sixty-three years, a man of high character and signal usefulness, honored by his associates and esteemed by all who knew him. James F. Brainard married, in New York City, Mary H. Andruss, also a member of one of the early families of New York City, and she is now deceased.

Edwin F. Brainard, son of these parents, was born in New York City, June 8, 1868. His education was begun in the public schools of his native city, and he was graduated from the New York City Normal School in the class of 1883. Caring little, however, for a career in the professions, he interested himself in industrial advance immediately following the completion of his education. His first position was in the engineering and drafting department of the Thomas A. Edison Company in their New York office. But when the family removed to Northampton, Massachusetts, not wishing to leave home, he accompanied them to that city. There he secured a position in the employ of the Florence Machine Company, a pioneer concern in the manufacture of sewing machines and oil stoves. Beginning with this company as cost clerk, he remaining with them in the same capacity until the time when practically all the manufacturers of oil stoves consolidated, then went with the new concern to Boston, where he was placed in charge of the interests of the company at that point, as manager of their Boston office. Active thus until he fall of 1893, Mr. Brainard was stricken with typhoid fever, and was compelled to resign his position, as the convalescent stage lingered for more than a year. In the spring of 1894 he came to Gardner and became associated with S. K. Pierce & Son Company in the capacity of traveling salesman, and represented the concern on the road for about two years. His executive ability and thorough familiarity with business conditions were appreciated by the concern, and he was called into the office and made general manager of the business. This position he filled with definite and increasingly successful results, until the incorporation of the concern, which occurred on January 1, 1920, when he was elected vice-president. This office he has held since, and also still fills the responsible position of general manager. This interest, which was founded by Sylvester K. Pierce in the year 1830, is one of the important industries of Gardner. Besides the factory in this city they have two commodious warehouses, one in Boston, Massachusetts, and one in Brooklyn, New York. They ship their product to all parts of the world, and hold a very high position in the trade. During the period of nearly three decades in which Mr. Brainard has been identified with this concern his work has contributed largely to their present eminence and their great success. Mr. Brainard's further business affiliations include the presidency of the Metropolitan Chair Company, of New Haven and Hartford, Connecticut, and directorships in the Gardner Trust Company and the Chair Town Coöperative Bank, of Gardner. His success is his own achievement. In fraternal circles he is prominent, being a member of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; also Aleppo Temple, Ancient

Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. He further holds membership in Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Gardner Boat Club, which he served as president in 1919-21; the Oak Hill Country Club, of Fitchburg; the Worcester Country Club; the Ridgely Country Club, of Gardner; and is also a member of the Monadnock Sporting Club of Monadnock, New Hampshire. His religious affiliation is with St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Gardner, with which his family are also connected.

Edwin F. Brainard married, in 1890, Abbie Kirtland Brown, of Northampton, Massachusetts, daughter of Dr. Rufus D. and Catherine Sherwood (Cone) Brown, her father a well-known dental surgeon of that community. They are the parents of four children: Mabel K., who died at the age of fourteen years; E. Warren, who is employed as shipping clerk with S. K. Pierce & Son Company; Francis N., who has completed his junior year at Boston University; and Richard B., now a junior at Gardner High School.

JOSEPH E. CASEY—Professional circles in Clinton, Massachusetts, number among their most progressive and promising young members Joseph E. Casey, who has for the past three years been engaged in the practice of law in this community. Mr. Casey is a member of a family who are old residents of Clinton, and was himself born there, December 27, 1898, his parents being John E. Casey, a native of Clinton, who was in the machinery business here until his retirement, and Winifred F. Casey, who was born at Heckla, New York.

After completing his studies in the Clinton High School, Joseph E. Casey entered Boston College, and then took a course at Boston University, graduating from that institution of learning with the class of 1920, and receiving with his diploma the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The same year he began the practice of his profession in Clinton, having formed the firm of Casey & Scanlon, with offices at No. 136 High Street. Mr. Scanlon later located at Boston, and Mr. Casey is, accordingly, conducting the legal practice of the firm unassisted. He has been very successful in his endeavors, and is serving a constantly growing clientele in Clinton and the surrounding section.

Outside of his profession Mr. Casey is interested in social and civic affairs, and was town moderator for one year, while he also served for a similar period as town solicitor. He is active in the work of the Knights of Columbus, and is a communicant of St. John's Roman Catholic Church. He is well known as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs to the American Legion. During the World War Mr. Casey served with the 8th Brigade at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, in the United States Army, later being sent to the Officers' Training Camp at Camp Lee, Virginia, where he remained until the armistice was signed, when he was discharged with the rank of private.

MARCUS NEWELL WRIGHT—Among the young men of Gardner, Massachusetts, who are holding positions of large responsibility Mr. Wright is a leading figure, as cashier of the First National Bank. A native of Gardner and reared in this community, he faithfully

discharged his duty to the nation during the recent World War, and has since served in his present capacity, enjoying the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

The Wright family is a very ancient one in England, and for many generations has been established in the United States, Nathaniel Wright, Mr. Wright's great-grandfather, was a resident of Gardner, Massachusetts, and his son, Marcus Wright, owned a saw mill here, conducting a very extensive business for his time. He was succeeded by his son, Lewis A. Wright, who inherited his property. Lewis A. Wright conducted the saw mill for several years, then became lumber buyer for the great concern which holds so important a position in the industrial affairs of Gardner, the Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company, one of the largest manufacturers of chairs in the world. Lewis A. Wright married Edith G. Newell, who is also still living.

Marcus Newell Wright was born at Gardner, Massachusetts, June 26, 1889. His education comprised the usual course of the elementary, grammar, and high schools at Gardner, his graduation from high school having been with the class of 1907, and having been followed by a special business course. For one year following the completion of his studies he was employed in the city of Worcester, then in 1909 he returned to Gardner to accept a position as bookkeeper at the First National Bank. By assiduous application to his work, Mr. Wright familiarized himself with the principles of banking and made himself necessary to the institution. He was appointed assistant cashier in the year 1913, at the age of twenty-four years. About four years later, on September 21, 1917, he laid down the interests of peace to take up the activities of war, and while he was in the service he was elected cashier of the First National Bank of Gardner, the duties of which office he assumed upon his return to civilian life. He commands the respect and confidence of his associates and business contemporaries as well as the general public, and is counted among the leading young men of the city.

The military record of Marcus N. Wright began with his enlistment in the United States Army on September 21, 1917. He was assigned to the Depot Brigade, then was transferred to the finance division of the surgeon-general's office at Washington, District of Columbia, with which he was connected for five months, during which period he was made sergeant of the Medical Corps. Later appointed chief clerk of the Medical Supply Depot at Camp Devens, at Ayer, Massachusetts, he was made sergeant of the first class while at that point, then was made hospital sergeant. On September 5, 1917, he was commissioned second lieutenant and assigned to duty at the recruiting camp at Syracuse, New York, where he remained until November 20, 1918, when he was transferred to the Medical Supply Depot at New York City, serving there until his discharge, on December 24, 1918, with the rank of second lieutenant. Mr. Wright is now a member of Gardner Post, No. 129, American Legion, of which he was the first treasurer, serving for four years. He is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, which he serves on the board of directors, and politically holds independent convictions.

Fraternally Mr. Wright is affiliated with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Scribe; Ivanhoe Com-

mandery, Knights Templar, of which he is treasurer; and Gardner Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is also treasurer. He takes a deep interest in all that contributes to the welfare of the people, and is treasurer of the Levi Heywood Memorial Library of Gardner. His clubs are: The Oak Hill Country, the Gardner Boat, the Chair City.

Mr. Wright married, on October 4, 1913, Mary L. Harriman, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and they reside in Gardner, attending the First Unitarian Church of this city.

JAMES COTTON—A name which has meant much to Athol, Massachusetts, is that of James Cotton, who was active in the lumber business until his retirement, and was an able and broadly noteworthy executive. But the history of Mr. Cotton's life is by no means bounded by the scope of his business interests. His usefulness to the community was a constant influence in the right direction and from boyhood until his death he gave of his best to all forward endeavors. He participated in the closing year of the Civil War, although he was still under sixteen years of age upon his enlistment, and this eagerness to champion any good cause was an exponent of his lifelong character. Mr. Cotton was a son of Michael and Katherine (McCarthy) Cotton, of Princeton, Massachusetts, progressive people of an early day. The father owned a large farm in Princeton and was a farmer.

James Cotton was born at Princeton Massachusetts, November 1, 1848. His education was begun in the local public schools and following his graduation from grammar school he came to Athol when only fifteen years of age and secured employment in the plant of the Miller's River Manufacturing Company. The Civil War was at that time raging and was the topic of daily conversation in every group throughout the country. In August, 1864, some three months prior to his sixteenth birthday, Mr. Cotton enlisted in Company H, 4th Regiment, Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, and served until the close of the war. Upon his return to civilian life he entered the match business in partnership with J. M. Cheney, of Athol, in which connection he was active until the year 1878. Mr. Cotton then struck out independently in the lumber business and early developing a substantial interest, he carried it forward to steadily increasing importance and was at the head of the enterprise until his retirement from active life, which took place in the year 1912. For several years thereafter he continued his activities for community advance, but ill health at last compelled him to give up all interests, and he died of diabetes, at his home on School Street, in Athol, at 8 o'clock on the morning of August 1, 1916.

For many years Mr. Cotton held a leading place in the civic and welfare advance of Athol. For twenty years he served as constable of the town, and for eight years as Selectman. Fraternally he was very prominent, holding membership in Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Athol Commandery, Knights Templar; and also was a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was for many years a leading member of Parker Post, Grand Army of the Republic; and his benevolences among the comrades of his early

war experiences were many, although known only to the beneficiaries. He was long a member of the Poquaig Club, of Athol, and in many social circles was welcomed for his genial spirit, as well as for his high standing in the community. It was through his generosity that the bell was hung in the Our Lady Immaculate Church, his donation being in memory of his daughter. It was purchased in the year 1910, and its mellow tone is the pride of the parish. Mr. Cotton's chief leisure interest was horses, and especially during his latter years he took great delight in the races. He knew and loved horses and did much for the encouragement of humane treatment of these servants of men.

Mr. Cotton married, November 15, 1866, Maria Plunkett, of Athol, Massachusetts, who died September 20, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Cotton were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Joseph Egger, Frederick, John, Thomas, James, Mrs. Edward D. Leonard, and Mrs. L. N. Giddings, of Worcester.

There are few interests either of a public or social nature in the town of Athol which were not affected by the death of this worthy and broad-minded citizen. His lingering illness made the event one not unexpected, but when the news went abroad that he was gone the entire community mourned. His interest in every branch of progress had been so keen and his judgment in all serious affairs so wise and practical, that his loss was felt most deeply in every circle. His genial disposition had made him a friend of every man, and the thought that he has passed out of human reach brought sadness to all who had known him. His funeral services were largely attended and were held at the chapel at Silver Lake Cemetery, in charge of Athol Commandery, Knights Templar. He is gone but his memory remains for all whose privilege it was to know him, at once a benediction and an inspiration to higher effort.

CHARLES R. ABBOTT, M. D.—A prominent representative of the medical profession in this section of Worcester County, Massachusetts, is Dr. Charles R. Abbott, of Clinton, who has been engaged in practice here since 1913. Dr. Abbott came originally from Sanbornton, New Hampshire, where he was born September 7, 1883. The family were early settlers in that State. His paternal grandfather was Dr. James B. Abbott, who was born at Northfield, New Hampshire, where he was a practicing physician for twenty-six years, and a well known and highly respected member of the profession, having been president of the New Hampshire Medical Society in 1860. His grandmother was Sarah Gerrish, born at Canterbury, New Hampshire, and died in 1893. His father, Joseph G. Abbott, was also a native of Sanbornton, where he was born November 4, 1845, and was engaged as a travelling salesman until his death on March 25, 1914. His mother, Sarah A. (Peck) Abbott, was a native of Jericho, Vermont, whose birth occurred July 24, 1847, and who passed away February 25, 1915.

Dr. Abbott received his early education through the medium of the district schools of his native community and at Boscawen, New Hampshire, later entering the Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, of the same State, from which he graduated with the class of 1902. Following this he went into business as a druggist at Han-



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over, New Hampshire, continuing in this line for five years, after which in 1907, he took up the study of medicine at the Dartmouth Medical College, receiving his diploma with the class of 1911, and also the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The two years subsequent to his graduation he was house surgeon in the Worcester City Hospital, and at the end of this period, in 1913, he came to Clinton to establish a practice, and has remained here ever since, his offices being at No. 70 Walnut Street. He is also a member of the Clinton Hospital staff, as junior surgeon and Rontgenologist and surgeon for the Wickwire Spencer Steel Corporation.

Dr. Abbott is a man of progressive character and keeps fully abreast of the times in his profession, maintaining membership in many of the leading professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Society, Worcester District Medical Society New England Rontgen Ray Society, and the American College of Surgeons. His college fraternity is the Alpha Kappa Kappa of Dartmouth, and he belongs to Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a prominent member of the local Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Dr. Abbott married, in 1915, Gladys I. Jeffrey a native of Clinton. They have two children: Charles R., Jr., born February 26, 1917; and Constance, born April 29, 1919.

FRED T. COFFIN—Standing among the foremost manufacturers of Gardner, Massachusetts, Mr. Coffin holds a prominent position in the industrial world of Worcester County, and his activities as the founder and owner of the Coffin Chair Company place him in the front line of progress. Mr. Coffin is a son of Tristram T. and Esther (Gilman) Coffin. The father was born in Bath, Maine, and was a well-known manufacturer of currier's tools of Woburn, Massachusetts. He was a man of enterprising spirit, and his death at the comparatively early age of forty-one years, in 1874, removed from the industrial circles of that section a man of genuine worth and ability. The mother, who was born at Dover, New Hampshire, survived him for many years, passing away in 1896, when about sixty-two years of age.

Fred T. Coffin was born at Woburn, Massachusetts, January 24, 1865, and his education was acquired in the public schools of Hubbardston and Gardner in this county. Only nine years of age when the death of his father occurred, and with no resources whatever, he was obliged to make his own way from this early age, and after reaching his seventeenth year he supported his mother and three sisters. Realizing the lack of opportunities of an educational nature which he suffered from this necessity, the young man then took up regular courses of reading and study to supplement his limited advantages. Meanwhile, from his eleventh year, Mr. Coffin was employed on a farm, then later transferred his time to work in a saw mill and in this connection rose to the position of foreman. He was identified with saw mill activities until 1901, when he came to Gardner and secured a position with the John A. Dunn Company, one of the leading chair manufacturing concerns of this community. From the first his advance was rapid. He spent six months in the capacity of cost clerk,

after which he was promoted to shipping clerk, and a year and half afterward he was made superintendent of the plant. In this important position he served the concern until 1910, when he resigned to engage in the manufacture of chairs for himself. He began operations at Hubbardston, where he continued for two years, after which he organized and incorporated the Gardner Chair Company, of which he was made treasurer and general manager. In the spring of 1917 Mr. Coffin sold his interest in this company to Joseph P. Carney and immediately afterward established the present business in Gardner. With a factory at No. 450 Chestnut Street, he has developed a large and important interest in the six years which have intervened between that time and the present. He has built up the business and quadrupled its capacity. It is to-day one of the important industrial concerns of Gardner, taking rank with others of longer activity. Politically Mr. Coffin is an independent, endorsing many principles of the Republican party, but while he is politically interested in all public advance, he has never thus far accepted public honors or responsibilities. Fraternally he is identified with Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He also is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Universalist church.

Mr. Coffin married (first), in 1890, Clara E. Smith, of Medway, Massachusetts, who died in 1920. He married (second), in 1921 Elsie Hockman, a native of Finland, who came to the United States in 1912, and they reside in Gardner.

RAYMOND L. MIDDLEMAS—Numbered among the successful business men of Leominster, Massachusetts, is Raymond L. Middlemas, treasurer of the Leominster Savings Bank who after a wide and varied experience in other institutions came to Leominster to accept the position in the institution with which he is now connected.

Born in Millbury Massachusetts, June 18, 1889, Raymond L. Middlemas is a son of George Edgar Middlemas, a native of Middletown, Nova Scotia, who during the greater part of his active life was engaged as a mechanic, and of Alice A. (Williams) Middlemas, who was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and is now living (1923).

Raymond L. Middlemas received his early education in the public schools of Brooklyn, New York, and upon the completion of his high school course there, became a student in Worcester Business Institute, of Worcester, Massachusetts. When his business training was completed he found his first employment as clerk in the employ of the Harrington & Richardson Arms Company of Worcester, with whom he remained for a period of three years. At the end of that time he associated himself with the Mechanics' National Bank of Worcester, where for one year he rendered efficient service and at the same time gained valuable experience. He then made a change, severing his connection with the Mechanics' National Bank in order to accept a position with the Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank, where he remained for a period of ten years, serving as chief clerk. At the end of that time, in 1921, he removed to Leominster, Massachusetts, where he accepted the official position

of treasurer of the Leominster Savings Bank. Since that time he has proved himself to be an able, efficient, and faithful executive, and a man of integrity and honor. He has won the confidence and esteem of his associates in the bank and of the people of Leominster, and in the short time he has been a resident of Leominster, has made many friends. He is secretary of the Massachusetts Savings Bank Officers' Club; secretary of the Massachusetts Mutual Savings Bank (Group Ten); and is a member of the Leominster Club. He takes an active interest in the welfare of the city of Leominster, and is always ready to give his support to those projects which seem to him well planned for the public good. His religious connection is with the Pleasant Street Baptist Church of Worcester.

Raymond L. Middlemas married, on June 2, 1914, Susie Bowater, who was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Gill) Bowater. Mr. and Mrs. Middlemas are the parents of two children: Elizabeth, born August 21, 1916; and Raymond L., born September 15, 1922.

CHARLES FRANCIS WASHBURN, secretary and vice-president of the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, was born in Harrison, Maine, August 23, 1827, and died in Worcester, July 20, 1893, a son of Charles and Zibeah Cary (Blake) Washburn. He attended the public schools of Worcester and prepared for college at Leicester Academy, from which he was graduated. He was prevented by illness from entering college, as he had planned, but he pursued his studies and extended his knowledge by private reading, and after an extended trip abroad, began his business career in the Washburn rolling mills at Quinsigamond. From the first he showed special aptitude for the business, and in many ways possessed the qualities that characterized his uncle as well as his father. He mastered thoroughly the details of the manufacturing end of the business, working successively in all the different departments, acquiring mechanical skill as well as a knowledge of the counting room. In 1857 he was admitted to partnership under the firm name of Charles Washburn & Son. As new methods came into use and new steel products came into demand, the business expanded rapidly. The company kept pace with the extension of uses for steel and iron.

After the consolidation of the plants under the name of the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, he continued active in the business as secretary and director, later vice-president. The greatest period of growth followed. Wire for every purpose was manufactured as the demand was created in invention. Between 1860 and 1870 great quantities of wire were used for hoopskirts. Then came the use of wire for fences, and later, for telephone and telegraph lines, so new departments were added accordingly. Mr. Washburn devoted himself with the utmost energy to the management and development of the wire business, and to him belongs much of the credit for its growth and for placing the concern among the foremost wire mills of the country.

In politics Mr. Washburn was of the Free Soil party, one of the founders of the Republican party. Though his interest in municipal affairs and in politics was keen,

the demands of business upon his time and energy were so great that he had to decline to enter public service. The only office he held was in the Common Council. He was a communicant of All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church; active in various charities; vice-president of the Memorial Hospital; and president of the Home for Aged Women. He was always a student, and spent all his leisure hours in his library. In his death the city lost a strong, able, upright, conscientious and unselfish citizen.

Mr. Washburn married, October 10, 1855, Mary Elizabeth Whiton, eldest daughter of James M. Whiton, of Boston, Massachusetts, and Plymouth, New Hampshire. They had seven sons and one daughter: Charles Grenfill; James M., who died in infancy; Philip, born August 2, 1861, died October 6, 1898; Miriam, born July 12, 1864; Robert Morris; Henry B., born December 2, 1869; Reginald; and Arthur, born May 27, 1877.

WARREN HASKINS GOODALE, a successful business man of Leominster, Massachusetts, organizer and owner of the Goodale Comb Company, has since 1904 been engaged in the manufacture of celluloid hairpins and combs. His factory is at the rear of No. 93 Water Street, and consists of four floors, which provide space for the seventy employees required to produce the large output which is sent from the plant to all parts of the country.

Mr. Goodale was born in Sterling, Massachusetts, September 3, 1877, son of Roland W. Goodale, a native of Temple, New Hampshire, who was engaged in farming until the time of his death in 1915, and of Lucy E. (Haskins) Goodale, who was born in North Brookfield, Massachusetts, and died in 1893. He received his early education in the schools of Sterling, Massachusetts, and of Leominster, Massachusetts, and then completed his preparation for active life by taking a commercial course in the Fitchburg Business College. He had begun work at the age of fourteen, and after completing his commercial course he found employment as factory hand in a comb factory, where he remained until 1900, gaining the experience which he needed for the successful management of a business of his own. Then, with partners, he organized the Columbia Comb Company, and the same year their factory burned to the ground. He then engaged in the horn manufacturing industry for himself, specializing in horn hairpins and a line of horn combs, changing in 1908 to celluloid. The enterprise has been successful from the beginning, and at the present time (1923) the Goodale Comb Company is ranked among the foremost manufacturers of high-grade hairpins in the country. Mr. Goodale is well known as an enterprising business man of sound principles and excellent judgment, and he is often called upon to express his opinion concerning mooted questions in business affairs. In addition to his responsibilities as owner and manager of the Goodale Comb Company, he is president of the G. W. Lathe Shoe Company, with stores in Clinton, Leominster, Fitchburg, Greenfield, and Northampton, and is a member of the board of directors of Leominster National Bank.

Fraternally Mr. Goodale is a member of Leominster Lodge, No. 1237, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of Leominster Lodge, No. 86, Independent Order

of Odd Fellows; and of Wachusett Tribe, No. 41, Improved Order of Red Men. He is well known in club circles, being a member of the Monoosnock Country Club, the Leominster Country Club, and the Bass Point Club. He is also a member and a director of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce; his religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church of Leominster.

Warren H. Goodale married, on April 25, 1900, Lotta E. Whipple, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island, daughter of Weston W. and Mary Ann (Watson) Whipple. Mr. and Mrs. Goodale are the parents of two children: Elaine W., now a student in Vassar College; and George W., a junior in Leominster High School.

HERBERT WILLIAM ELLAM, M. D.—Holding a foremost position in the medical profession of Worcester County, Massachusetts, and counted among the largely successful practitioners in the realm of surgery, Dr. Ellam, of Gardner, is a noteworthy figure in professional activities in this section. He is a son of John W. Ellam, who was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to the United States in infancy, the family locating in Clinton, Massachusetts, where he was reared and educated. For many years he was active in the newspaper business as proprietor and editor, first in Clinton, and later in Southbridge, Massachusetts. He is still living, although retired from active business interests, and making his home with his son, Dr. Ellam. He married Anna M. O'Brien, who was born in Harvard, Massachusetts, and died in Gardner, in 1915.

Dr. Ellam was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, September 3, 1879. Attending first the Southbridge public schools, he was graduated from high school in the same community in 1897, and later, in 1900, he entered Harvard University Medical School, from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine as a member of the class of 1904. Meanwhile, during the summers of 1903-04, he acted as interne in the Boston Floating Hospital. From 1904-06, he filled a similar position in the Worcester City Hospital, then, on June 13, 1906, he took up the practice of his chosen profession, opening an office in Gardner. Dr. Ellam has been heard to remark with a smile that his telephone number is thirteen and that one of his diplomas was dated on the twenty-third of the month, but it was clear that no superstition attaching to these numbers has influenced him in his progress, for he has become one of the most successful practitioners in his field in Worcester County. Highly esteemed both in the profession and among the people, he has won his way to an enviable position both in medicine and in surgery, and he has gained great breadth of experience through his military service in the World War. Dr. Ellam enlisted in November, 1917, as a member of the United States Medical Corps, was commissioned first lieutenant, and was sent to Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, where he remained until about the middle of June, 1918. He was then sent to the Army Medical School at Washington, District of Columbia, but two weeks later was transferred to the Harvard Medical School for special orthopædic training. Remaining at Harvard during July and August, he was sent on the first of December to the Post Hospital at Fort Meyer, Virginia, where he remained for about five months, then,

in the latter part of January, 1919, he was transferred to the Base Hospital at Camp Meade, Maryland. There he remained until his discharge on July 26, 1919, when he returned to Gardner to resume his professional career. Dr. Ellam is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, the Massachusetts Medico-Legal Society, the Worcester North District Medical Society, and the Gardner Medical Society, and is assistant medical examiner of the Second Worcester District. He has been a member of the surgical staff of the Heywood Memorial Hospital of Gardner since its founding; and also has had charge of the children's department of same for a some years. He is well known fraternally, being a member of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 46, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; and is also a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs are: The Harvard, of Boston; the Worcester Country, the Oak Hill Country, and the Gardner Boat Club. He is still single.

CHARLES ERNEST GREEN—When a child of ten years, Charles E. Green came to the city of Leominster, Massachusetts, and there has established a business which is recognized as the leading pharmacy in that city. He is also widely associated with fraternal and social organizations of the community. He is the grandson of Andrew J. Green, born in Melrose, Massachusetts, where he was engaged in the shoe industry, and served his country during the Civil War. He married Sarah Peterson, of Nova Scotia, and to them was born a son, Charles A. Green, at Reading, Massachusetts, August 2, 1862, who is now treasurer and manager of the Whitney-Reed Corporation. He married Emma Woolridge, of England, and they are the parents of Charles Ernest Green, of this review.

Charles Ernest Green, son of Charles A. and Emma (Woolridge) Green, was born at Wakefield, Massachusetts, March 16, 1887, and after completing the public school course in Leominster, began an apprenticeship at the drug business with C. F. Nixon, which continued for four years. Passing the State board examinations for registered pharmacists, he was associated with F. P. Porter in the drug business for nearly three years, leaving to accept a position with Liggett & Company, in Brockton, Massachusetts, where he remained only a short time. Following that, he was manager of a drug store in Fitchburg, and in 1915 returned to Leominster to engage in the drug business independently, purchasing for this purpose the business then operated by Frank I. Pearson. This store has been under Mr. Green's management ever since, and is known as the Green Drug Store.

Fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also is a member of the Sons of Veterans, Leominster Club, Monoosnock Country Club, and the Chamber of Commerce; also of the Wholesale Drug Company of Boston, Massachusetts, of which he is a stockholder; and of the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. Green enlisted in the United

States Army in March, 1918, and was stationed for fourteen months at Base Hospital, Camp Devens, Massachusetts, with the rank of private of the first class, and was master of the medical and surgical wards there. Mr. Green is a member of the Unitarian church. He is fond of golf, touring and fishing, these being his favorite recreations in his hours "off duty." In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Green married, June 20, 1923, Madge Anna Emory, daughter of Francis F. and Helen (Ackerman) Emory, of Fitchburg. Mrs. Green was educated in the Fitchburg grammar and high schools, and Sargent's School for Girls at Boston, then for two years was a student in nursing at Newton Hospital, Newton, Massachusetts, receiving a diploma as a registered nurse. When the United States declared a state of war with Germany, Miss Emory volunteered her services, was sent overseas, and for nine months was in France, where she saw war in all its horrors while doing her work of mercy and love. Upon returning to the United States, she pursued a special course of training in public health, then for three years was in charge of the Industrial Health and Welfare Work among the factory workers of Ware Shoals, South Carolina. After resigning that position she toured Europe and visited the battlefields of the great World War. She returned to the United States in the spring of 1923, and was married to Charles E. Green on June 20, following.

CHARLES BRADLEY SMITH—Among the largely successful industrial executives of Worcester County, Massachusetts, Charles B. Smith holds a leading position in the progressive city of Fitchburg, as sole owner and active manager of the Star Worsted Company of that place. A leader in various branches of public advance, influential in all endeavors for the industrial or civic welfare, Mr. Smith is a prominent figure in every civic and social interest. He is a son of Charles Watson and Abigail W. (Crocker) Smith, his father for many years identified with the boot and shoe industry, and in the year 1864 a member of the Home Guard in the city of Worcester.

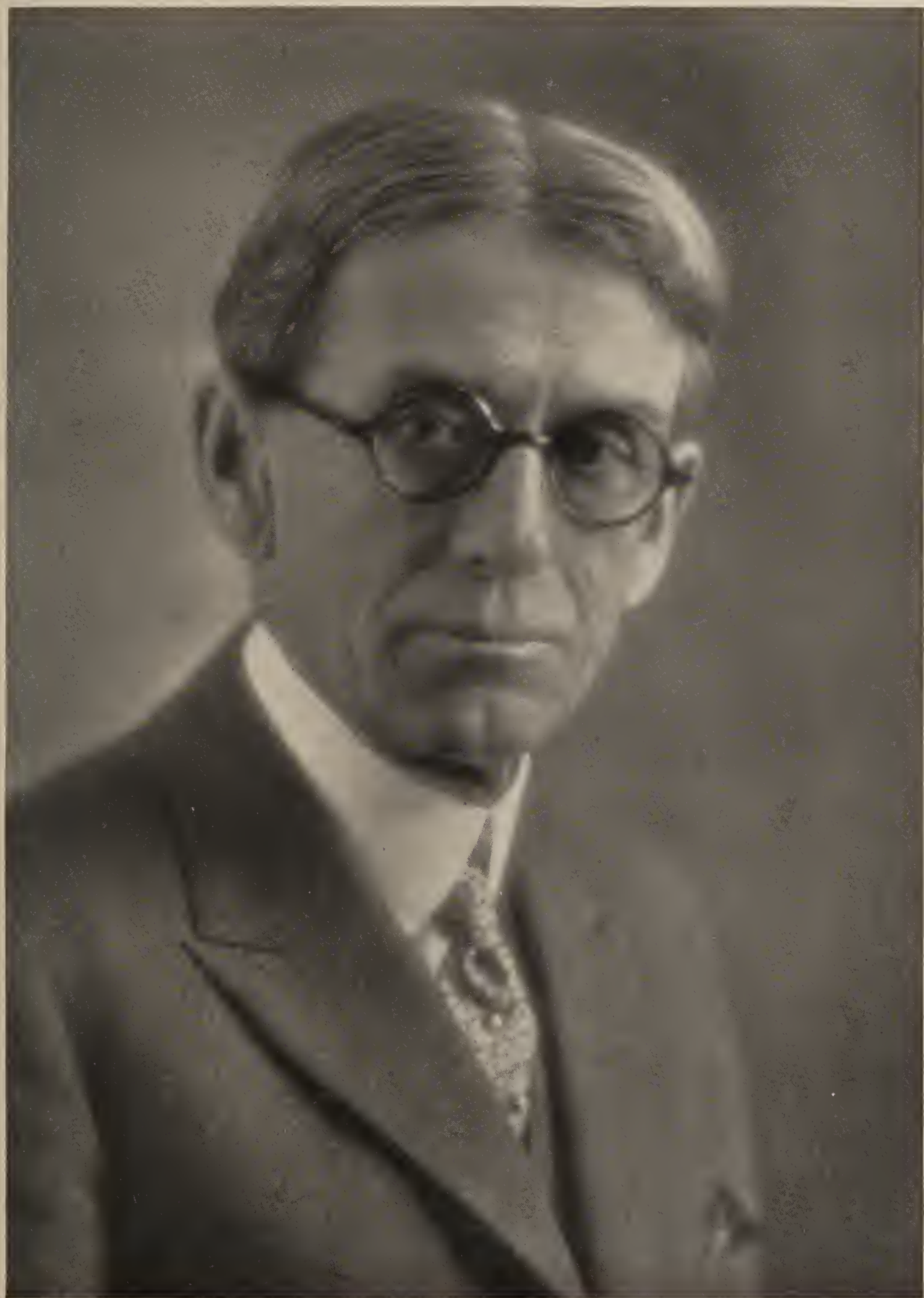
Charles Bradley Smith was born at Paxton, Massachusetts, March 9, 1857. The family removing to Worcester in his childhood, he attended the public schools of that city and was graduated from the Worcester High School in the class of 1874. His early business experience was in the woolen textile industry at the Beoli mill of Rockwell & Phillips, of West Fitchburg, Massachusetts, now owned by the American Woolen Company. Having become identified with the textile industry, in the year 1882 he entered the organization of the Fitchburg Worsted Company, of Fitchburg, and was active with this concern for twelve years in the capacity of a designer of fancy worsted fabrics. This mill is also now owned by the American Woolen Company. In the year 1894, in association with the late Mr. C. T. Crocker, Mr. Smith purchased the Star Worsted Company in Fitchburg, and for eighteen years these able and progressive men carried the business forward, developing it largely and placing it among the really important industries of Fitchburg. In 1912 Mr. Smith became sole owner of this interest, which he still holds. As an independent plant this enterprise is taking a very prom-

inent place in the industrial life of Fitchburg, and under Mr. Smith's efficient management is still going forward to constantly larger success. Mr. Smith's affiliation with other business interests has frequently been sought, and he is one of the directors of the Safety Fund National Bank of Fitchburg, having served as clerk of the board of directors since 1915. He is also president of the Rockwell Woolen Company, of Leominster, Massachusetts, and of the Belle Vue Mills of Clinton, Massachusetts. Mr. Smith was brought forward in the public service of the community as a member of the School Board and served in that capacity for a period of nine years, from 1891 until 1900. In 1902 he became a member of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Fitchburg, and three years later he was elected Representative to the General Court of the State of Massachusetts. Thenceforward, for about twelve years Mr. Smith was not active in any leading position in the public service, although as always he gave his best endeavors to the promotion of any worthy cause. In November, 1917, he was made chairman of the Fuel Committee of Fitchburg and served in that capacity until 1919. His clubs are: The Fay Club, of Fitchburg; the Oak Hill Country Club, of Fitchburg; the Tatnuck Country Club, of Worcester; the Exchange Club, of Boston; and the Episcopal Club of Boston. His religious affiliation is with Christ Church, of Fitchburg, of which he was treasurer for about twenty-six years.

Mr. Smith married, on December 26, 1881, at Worcester, Massachusetts, Mary Isabel Tilton, daughter of Emery and Ruth (Ingraham) Tilton. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of two children: Florence May, born October 2, 1882, who married Phillip W. Flint, and whose children are: Elizabeth, Mary, Rosamond; and Katharine, born March 1, 1892, who married Ralph Heighway Fales.

CLARENCE CRAVEN COULTER—One of the most important enterprises in the town of Clinton, Massachusetts, is that now represented by Clarence C. Coulter as its executive head, this being The W. J. Coulter Press, Incorporated, publishers and general printers. Clarence Craven Coulter was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, educated there, and has spent his entire life in the printing and publishing business which was owned by his father before him and in which he is now engaged. His birth occurred June 1, 1868, his parents being William James and Selina (Craven) Coulter.

His father, William James Coulter, who died in January, 1922, was a three months' volunteer at the outbreak of the Civil War, and was engaged in the first general engagement at Bull Run. At the end of this enlistment he again volunteered, his time for three years, was promoted to first lieutenant, and took part in the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg, where he was captured, serving nine months in captivity. He then returned to Clinton and bought the "Courant," which was conducted under his management until 1914, when the business was incorporated under the name of The W. J. Coulter Press, Incorporated, William J. Coulter becoming president; Clarence C. Coulter, treasurer and general manager; and Annie M. Coulter, clerk. W. J. Coulter was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Loyal Legion, and



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was a charter member of the Prescott Club. Besides publishing the "Courant," which is a weekly paper and was originally established in 1846, the Coulter Press publishes the "Item," which was started as a daily paper in 1893, and has ever since been published each evening except Sundays and holidays, and is Clinton's only daily newspaper. In addition to putting out these two publications regularly, the W. J. Coulter Press, Incorporated, handles a large amount of general printing for other business concerns of Clinton and surrounding territory, and has a fully-equipped plant, with modern presses and auxiliary machinery, enabling it to turn out high-grade printed matter of every kind and description in both book and job lines.

Clarence C. Coulter is reckoned among the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of the community, and maintains membership in many leading organizations. Among these are: The Prescott Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Camp No. 19, of the Sons of Veterans; and Masonic bodies, including Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Grotto. He is also a member of the Association of New England Daily Papers, the Massachusetts Press Association, and is a non-resident member of the Boston Press Club.

Mr. Coulter married, in 1897, Mabel Houghton Walker, who was born at Oxford, Massachusetts, and they have one son, Craven Houghton Coulter, born November 24, 1900, and now (1923) a student at Dartmouth College. The family attends the Episcopal church in Clinton, of which Mr. Coulter is junior warden.

FRED BENNETT COLBY, M. D., a native of the old Pine Tree State, has given to his professional work much of the energy and ability which the world has learned to expect of the sons of the State of Maine. Added to these excellent qualities, his natural talent for his profession and his keen delight in it have carried him far and high among the physicians and surgeons of his day, and in Dr. Fred B. Colby the city of Gardner claims a leading figure in the medical profession in Massachusetts. He is a son of William Henry and Anna Lucinda (Barrett) Colby. His father was born in Gardiner, Maine, and by trade was a blacksmith and general mechanic, always considered a genius in the shoeing of horses and all kinds of iron work. He died in 1888, at the age of forty-eight years. The mother was born in Andover, Maine, and is still living, a resident of Auburn, in that State.

Fred Bennett Colby was born at Andover, Maine, May 30, 1869. His education was begun at Hebron Academy, in Hebron, Maine, and he covered his higher classical courses at Bowdoin College, at Brunswick, Maine. Having early chosen the medical profession he then entered Dartmouth Medical School from which he was graduated in the class of 1895, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Serving an internship at the State Hospital, at Bridgewater, Maine, for one year, he then went to the Boston Insane Hospital as a member of the medical staff, remaining there until April, 1905. He had tendered his resignation one year prior to that date, but was induced to remain until his place could be filled. During his stay in this institution the

employees presented him with a very handsome office desk suitably engraved, in appreciation of the esteem in which he was held among them. Going next to Highland Falls, New York, near West Point Military Academy, Dr. Colby conducted the private practice of medicine for about two years, when a threatened breakdown compelled him to seek rest. In the hope of averting the threatened collapse he went to Rangely Lakes, Maine, where he remained for eleven years. During that period he brought to the little lumber town of the north woods something of the progressive spirit of the outside world, merging his strong personality with the spirit of the community and leading the people to higher appreciation of their privileges as a community. Through his influence many people seeking relief from business worries came and established summer homes near the lakes, also taking the interest of citizens in the little settlement of which they became members. Dr. Colby brought about the utilization of many of the natural advantages of the section and organized a concern for the development of electric power. He was made president and general manager of the electric lighting plant of Rangely. To accomplish the production of electricity the community required water power, which but for Dr. Colby's work could not have been secured. It was controlled by the Union Water Power Company and the Berlin Mills, and Dr. Colby went before the Legislature where he brought about the passing of bills giving the people of Rangely the right by eminent domain, thereby permitting them to use such power as they required for this public utility purpose. When Dr. Colby had brought the plant into successful operation he resigned from the offices of president and manager. In 1918 he accepted an insistent invitation many times repeated from a resident of Gardner, to visit this place, with the result that he returned to Rangely only to pack and move to Gardner, where he has since resided. He took up the practice of his profession in Gardner upon his arrival here as a resident, and has become one of the foremost professional men of the city, winning his way to the confidence and esteem of the people. Since 1919 he has been on the medical staff of Heywood Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Colby is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, and the Worcester County North District Medical Society. Politically he supports the Republican party, and has now served for four years as a member of the Gardner Board of Health, and is ex-chairman of the same. Fraternally Dr. Colby is a member of Kemaueag Lodge, No. 213, Free and Accepted Masons, of Rangely, Maine, of which lodge he was the second Master; of Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; Gardner Lodge No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Gardner Boat Club, the Oak Hill Country Club, of Fitchburg, and the Worcester Country Club. His recreation is golf.

Dr. Colby married, in 1905, Mary Elizabeth Judge, of Summerville, and they have four children: Fred B., Jr., and Beatrice A., both students in Gardner High School; Kenneth G., attending grammar school in Gardner; and Marie J.

RUSSELL B. LOWE, a native son of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, has entered heartily into the business and social life of his city, which has been his lifetime home. He is a son of Arthur H. and Annie E. (Parkhill) Lowe, his father a cotton manufacturer and a prominent figure in both city and State politics.

Russell B. Lowe was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, February 14, 1880. He finished public school study with graduation from Fitchburg High School in 1898, then entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology, whence he was graduated class of 1902. Immediately after graduation he entered business life in Fitchburg, and during the two decades that have since elapsed he has reached high position as a cotton manufacturer, being now president of the Parkhill Manufacturing Company. He is a man of energy, enterprise, and public spirit, a safe and sane executive, and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of his city. He is director of the Fitchburg Bank and Trust Company, the Merchants' National Bank of Boston, Boston Manufacturing Company, Indian Company, Sprague, Grout & Sons, and with other business enterprises of his section, and was president of the National Cotton Manufacturers' Association. In politics Mr. Lowe is a Republican, and serves the city of Fitchburg as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners. He holds the rank of captain in the Massachusetts State Guard, but has no fraternal affiliations. He is a member of the Fay Club, Oak Hill Country Club, Worcester Country Club, and the Union League of New York City. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist.

Mr. Lowe married, in Chicago, Illinois, in 1909, Nathalie Wells, daughter of M. D. and Elizabeth (Corwith) Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe are the parents of three children: Nathalie, born in 1911; Margaret, born in 1916; Russell B., Jr., born in 1922. The family home is at No. 575 Blossom Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

HENRY GRATON GOULD, comptroller of The Graton & Knight Manufacturing Company, and namesake of one of its founders, Henry Clay Graton, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, June 6, 1879, son of George H. and Mary A. Gould. He traces his ancestry back seven generations, prior to the marriage of John Prescott, on April 11, 1629, founder of Lancaster, Massachusetts, thus going back to John Gawkroger, of Sowerby Parish, Halifax, Yorkshire, England, whose name occurs there from 1447 to 1505. He received his early education in the public schools of Springfield and in Childs' Business Institute. After leaving school he entered the employ of Ladd, Weaver & Wright, which at that time was the largest insurance agency in Springfield. Here he remained two or three years, after which he became connected with the eastern division of the American Bicycle Company, where he remained for some time, being connected with the selling and credit end of the business. Just before the Bicycle Trust was dissolved he resigned from this company to accept a position as representative in Rhode Island for a New York stock and bond house. Here he remained for three years, returning to Springfield to accept a position with W. H. Gilbert & Company, of that city, as travelling salesman. He afterwards had the entire charge of the selling end of their business.

Mr. Gould came to Worcester as manager of the Royal Typewriter Company, where he shared a part of the office occupied by the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, No. 9 Pleasant Street. When the Royal Typewriter Company decided to consolidate their Worcester and Boston offices Mr. Gould decided to remain in Worcester, and accepted a position with the Worcester Market Company in January, 1910. At the request of Mr. Graton, Mr. Gould entered the employ of The Graton & Knight Manufacturing Company in June, 1911, in the cost department, and since then he has served as clerk and departmental manager in nearly all the departments of their office. In July, 1916, he was put at the head of the accounting division of the company, and on July 1, 1917, he was appointed comptroller by the board of directors. At the annual meeting of the stockholders in January, 1918, he was elected a director, and reappointed comptroller by the board.

Mr. Gould is a member of Ridgely Lodge, No. 112, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Quinsigamond Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and a life member of Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a life member of Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix; and the Massachusetts Consistory of Aletheia Grotto, No. 13; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for North America. He is a member of the corporation of the Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank. He is a member of the Worcester Country Club, Commonwealth Club, and Worcester Economic Club.

Mr. Gould married, September 18, 1905, Corinne L. Morin, of Springfield.

FREDERICK W. MORSE—Taking a constructive and practical part in the advance and development of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, Frederick W. Morse is contributing much to the general welfare, his activities being along the line of real estate and insurance brokerage. With offices at Suite No. 825, the Slater Building, he has won a prominent position in the business life of the city, although he is still a young man and has been active in the business world for scarcely more than a decade. Mr. Morse is a son of Frederick J. Morse, who was born in England, and came to the United States as a young man, engaging in the bakery business in the city of Worcester, in which he is largely successful. The mother, Henrietta (Hines) Morse, was born in Nova Scotia, and is also still living.

Frederick W. Morse was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, August 7, 1893. His education was received in the local institutions, beginning his studies in the public schools and finishing at Worcester Academy. His early business experience was in the real estate and insurance field, in association with Ernest C. Mulvey. In 1916 he withdrew from the partnership to enter the same field independently, and has won large success. Meanwhile, for about two years, Mr. Morse was active in the newspaper world on the Worcester "Telegram," in a reportorial capacity. He is a member of the Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange, and is broadly interested in all that pertains to the civic and general



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advance, bearing a part in all forward movements. He is a member of Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; of Aletheia Grotto; the Knights of Pythias, the Loyal Order of Moose; and his recreations are outdoor sports. He has been active in athletics since his boyhood, and was a member of the old English High track team, in which connection he won many medals and cups.

Frederick W. Morse married, on January 6, 1919, Mildred E. Hubbard, who was born in Worcester, daughter of George E. Hubbard, a contractor and builder of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Morse have two daughters: Virginia Ruth and Barbara Jean.

GEORGE E. O'HEARN, of Gardner, for many years a prominent figure in the industrial world of Worcester County, became the head of an independent interest on January 1, 1923, and has now launched a large and most promising enterprise in the manufacture of fibre furniture and kindred products. Mr. O'Hearn is a man of large executive ability and long practical experience, thereby well fitted to assume a position of leadership in his field, and his success in his own business is beyond a peradventure.

Patrick O'Hearn, Mr. O'Hearn's father, was for many years one of the most interesting figures of Gardner, as the oldest resident of this community. He was born in Killa, County Cork, Ireland, and came to the United States as a young man. After a short stay in Connecticut, he went to Lake George, New York, and with his young bride settled in the virgin forest, clearing a little space and hewing out the timber for his little log cabin. He developed a prosperous farm, then some years later removed to Glens Falls, New York, where he was employed as a longshoreman until the year 1873. Then coming to Gardner, Massachusetts, he was employed variously up to the time of his death, continuing active and alert to the affairs of the times until he passed away, in April, 1922, at the great age of one hundred and three years. The wife and mother, whom he wooed in their native County Cork, she also born at Killa, who as his betrothed came to America on the same ship in the same party, and whom he married in Connecticut, their first stopping place, bravely bore her part in his early struggles to establish a home in the new country, and died in 1866, when George E. O'Hearn, their youngest child, was still an infant.

George E. O'Hearn was born at Lake George, New York, February 22, 1865. His education was acquired in the public and high schools of Gardner, and his entering the world of men and affairs in his fourteenth years, was coincidental with the opening of manufacturing operations in the baby carriage department of the great plant of Heywood Brothers & Co., now Heywood-Wakefield Company. The youth secured a position in this new branch and continued with it for a period of forty-four years, advancing by his own efforts through the various steps, constantly carrying greater responsibilities until in 1890 he was appointed superintendent of the plant. This position he filled until January 1, 1923, when he resigned to go forward for himself. The new plant was at that time nearly completed, under cover, and ready for the final touches and the installation of machinery and equipment. It is expected that

the plant will be in full operation by midsummer of the present year (1923), and this new enterprise will take a leading place in the field of production for which Gardner is already famous. The building is of the most approved construction and is to be fitted up and equipped in the most up-to-date manner, with every provision made for the comfort and well-being of the employees as well as for the turning out of a product of high quality. Mr. O'Hearn has few interests outside of his business activities, but is a director of the First National Bank of Gardner. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus; Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of Oak Hill Country Club, and Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. O'Hearn married, in 1896, Emma J. Rourke, of Gardner, and they are the parents of six children: Dorothy C., a graduate of Wheaton College, at Norton, Massachusetts, class of 1919; George E., Jr., a graduate of St. Michael's College, at Winooski, Vermont, now identified with his father in the above enterprise; Edward, deceased; Alma, a graduate of Worcester Business College; Robert, deceased; and Richard, attending the public schools of Gardner.

GEORGE L. TOBEY, SR., a member of an old family in Maine, and well known as a medical practitioner in Clinton, Massachusetts, has contributed largely to the development of medical societies by his activity as a member. Mathias Tobey, grandfather of Dr. Tobey, Sr., served as a captain during the Revolutionary War, and his body is laid in the cemetery at Machias Port, Maine. His son, Samuel Tobey, married Nancy B. Robinson, of St. George, Maine, and they were the parents of George L. Tobey, Sr. The father followed the carpenter's trade until his death in 1873; the mother died in 1894.

George L. Tobey, Sr., was born in Machias Port, Maine, June 17, 1853, and there began his education in the public schools. Later he attended Washington Academy, at East Machias, and then Coburn Classical Institute, at Waterville, Maine, then completed a course in the study of medicine at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. He first commenced to practice his profession in 1879, at Shrewsbury, where he remained for a year and a half, and moved to Lancaster, Massachusetts, for a period of fifteen years. After that length of time he decided to settle in Clinton and has continued to practice here ever since, being located at No. 205 Church Street.

Dr. Tobey, Sr., became medical examiner for the Fourth District of Worcester County in 1897, and continues as such. For ten years he served as a member of the Board of Health for Lancaster, Massachusetts, and as a member of the School Board for five years, also served as a member of the Board of Health in Clinton for a number of years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the following clubs: The Prescott, Chamber of Commerce, American Medical Association, Worcester County Medical Society, Massachusetts Medical Society, Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health since its organization; and the Massachusetts Medical Legal Society. He has been on the staff of surgeons of Clinton Hospital for twenty-five years. During the World War he was a

member of the Clinton Riflemen and of Division No. 14, Draft Board.

Dr. Tobey, Sr., married, in 1880, Abbie A. Grant, a native of Machias Port, Maine. The children born to Dr. and Mrs. Tobey are as follows: 1. Dr. George L. Tobey, Jr., who was commissioned a captain in the United States Medical Corps and served from 1917 to the end of the war. 2. Guy D., engaged in the real estate business in Boston, Massachusetts. 3. Dr. Harold Grant, who served with the first Harvard Medical Unit which embarked for France at the outbreak of the World War and remained there six months before returning to the United States. Later he went back with the Massachusetts General Hospital Unit, having charge of the eye, ear, nose, and throat work at the Bordeaux Base Hospital.

WILLIAM JOSEPH MOORE, in his professional activities, is one of the leading figures of Milford, Massachusetts, but in the other lines of progress in which he is constantly active his work is equally noteworthy, for in educational progress, in fraternal organizations, and as a musician, he is holding a leading place in the community. Mr. Moore is a native of this place, and a son of Luke and Eleanor (Mulcahy) Moore, for many years esteemed residents of Milford.

William Joseph Moore was born in Milford, Massachusetts, August 5, 1886. His education was begun in the public schools, and he also covered the local high school course, after which for his preparatory work he entered Dean Academy, at Franklin, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1907. For his classical course he entered Notre Dame University, at South Bend, Indiana, and was graduated the following year. Taking up his professional studies at the Boston University Law School, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1911. Mr. Moore was admitted to the bar of the State of Massachusetts and has since practiced in Milford. Well grounded in the law and possessing marked ability as a speaker, Mr. Moore has won his way to large success and is counted among the foremost attorneys of Worcester County. In all branches of civic and community advance Mr. Moore has always been deeply interested, and for a number of years he has held the responsible position of principal of the Milford Evening School. In this connection his work has done much for the encouragement and advance of that part of the population which makes up the ranks of the industrial workers and still looks forward to higher achievement through the acquisition of wider education. His practical attitude towards commercial and industrial progress has given his work in this school special value to the young people for whom it is particularly designed, and his leadership is greatly appreciated. One of the leading figures in fraternal circles in Milford, Mr. Moore is Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and an associate member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and is influential in its advance. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Milford, and he is musical director of the choir of this church, also holds membership in the Holy Name Society of this church.

Mr. Moore married, in Milford, Massachusetts, on October 18, 1922, Eleanor V. Broughey, daughter of Stephen and Margaret (Murphy) Broughey.

ROBERT KENDALL SHAW, librarian of the Free Public Library, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, July 18, 1871. He attended the public schools there, and was salutatorian of the class of 1890 in the Worcester Classical High School. He graduated from Harvard College in 1894 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, taking final honors in classics. During the next three years he was a teacher in the Highland Military Academy under his father. From 1898 to 1901 he was on the staff of the New York State Library, and from 1901 to 1904 assistant in the Library of Congress at Washington. In 1904-05 he was librarian of the public library of Brockton. He returned to Worcester in 1905 to accept the position of assistant librarian of the Free Public Library, and when Samuel Swett Green, the veteran librarian, resigned in January, 1909, Mr. Shaw was elected to succeed him, continuing to the present time.

Mr. Shaw was thoroughly in sympathy with the progressive policies in which Mr. Green was a pioneer, and has extended the service at every opportunity, seeking to make the books of the greatest possible service, and the library itself a really popular institution, coöperating with the teachers and pupils of the public schools and colleges of the city; assisting writers in searches; aiding newspaper workers, and answering every question possible. While keeping pace with the great demand for fiction, Mr. Shaw has given every attention to presenting to the public the more useful and instructive works. The usefulness of the library had grown constantly. The addition of the branch libraries at Greendale, Quinsigamond and South Worcester had aided in extending and broadening the field of usefulness. The public shares in the opinion expressed by the trustees of the library in their fifteenth annual report, relating to Mr. Shaw:

During the past year, he has discharged the duties of his position with a degree of fidelity, ability and courtesy which has merited and received the commendation of the patrons of the library, and the approbation of the board of directors.

Mr. Shaw is a member of the American Library Association, the Massachusetts Library Club, the Bay Path Literary Club, the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, of Harvard, the Worcester Economic Club, the Shakespeare Club and the Harvard Club of Worcester. He was president of the Massachusetts Library Club in 1910-11. He delivered an address at the dedication of the Fobes Memorial Library at Oakham in 1908; at the dedication of the Merriam Library at Auburn in June, 1909; and at the dedication of the Beaman Memorial Library at West Boylston in 1912. In 1911 he read a paper on Elihu Burritt before the Worcester Society of Antiquity. He was one of the speakers at the dedication of the three new branch libraries which are under his charge, known as the Carnegie branches of the Worcester Public Library. In July, 1918, he was appointed a member of the Library War Finance Committee of the United States.

Mr. Shaw married, September 29, 1902, at Eau Claire,

Wisconsin, Bertha Mower Brown, who was born at Porter's Mills, Wisconsin, December 27, 1875, a daughter of James Harding and Anna Sarah (Taft) Brown.

RENALDO GUILMETTE—In the manufacturing world of Southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, Mr. Guilmette is a leading figure as president of the Central Optical Company, Incorporated. Mr. Guilmette is a native of Canada, but has been a resident of Southbridge, Massachusetts, for the past seventeen years, and during that entire period has been affiliated with this industry. He is a son of Anthime Guilmette, who was born at St. Hugues, Canada, and was active in farming, also was one of the earliest manufacturers of butter and cheese in that section, continuing actively in that line until his death, which occurred in 1920. The mother, Alexina (de Blois) Guilmette, was born at St. Francois, Canada, and died in 1921.

Renaldo Guilmette was born in St. Hugues, Canada, June 28, 1879. His education was begun in the local public schools and after completing the high school course he made special preparations for his career at the Sherbrooke Business College. Thereafter coming to the United States, Mr. Guilmette located at Central Falls, Rhode Island. He learned the trade of machinist in the employ of the Brown & Sharpe Company, of Providence, the world-famous manufacturers of lathes and other machine tools. After mastering the trade he remained with this concern for a time and in all spent six years in their employ, after which he was connected with the Fales & Jenks Spinning Machinery Company, of Pawtucket, for about two years. He was then identified with the Taft-Pierce Company, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and was active in that connection for about three years. In the year 1906 Mr. Guilmette became associated with the Central Optical Company, Incorporated, of Southbridge, Massachusetts, in the capacity of master mechanic and soon acquired an interest in the business. He was made vice-president of the concern in 1911, and in 1916 was elected president of the company, which office he still ably serves. This enterprise, which is now rounding out twenty-three years of existence, was incorporated in the second year of its history and has developed to be one of the foremost interests of its kind in this section. The company is now officered as follows: Renaldo Guilmette, president; Hector M. Le Clair, vice-president and treasurer; Edward E. Le Clair, secretary; and the plant is located at No. 76 Elm Street, occupying three floors and employing one hundred people. This concern has won an enviable reputation for quality and integrity, and their product includes spectacles, eyeglasses, and industrial goggles, this company being a leader in this field in Southbridge. Mr. Guilmette is a member of the Manufacturers' Association the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and the Optical Manufacturers' Association. He is vice-president of the Southbridge Co-operative Bank, is a director of the People's National Bank, and takes a deep interest in all that pertains to local advance. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection, of which he is one of the national directors, and is also a member of Société St. Jean Baptiste. His principal club is the

Circle Canadian, and he attends the Roman Catholic Church of Notre Dame.

HON. BENJAMIN ALBERT COOK—Success in business marks the career of the Hon. Benjamin Albert Cook, who has taken a line of commercial advance and carried it forward until he holds a worthy position in his field in New England. His endeavors in public life, and in the affairs which closely concern the welfare of the municipality and the Commonwealth, have been given the same energy and forward-looking spirit which have won him success in the business world. Mr. Cook is prominent in Worcester County, Massachusetts, being ex-Mayor of the city of Fitchburg and a former Representative of this city in the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts. He is well known in fraternal circles, and is considered one of the representative men of the day in Fitchburg. A son of Mark Henry and Emily (Thayer) Cook, Mr. Cook's ancestry is distinguished in the State of Vermont, his father having served in the Civil War as a member of the First Vermont Cavalry for three years and eight months. Early in life he had been active in agricultural pursuits, and he died in 1912.

Benjamin Albert Cook was born in Guilford, Vermont, June 30, 1867. His elementary studies covered, he entered the Brattleboro High School in his native State and was graduated from that institution in due course. Mr. Cook began his business career in the year 1895, as the B. A. Cook & Company, dealers in hardware, paint, and wall paper, and the importance to which this firm has grown in this and other States well appraises the calibre of the man at its head. The substantial block fronting on Oliver Street he built in 1908, and the business now practically fills the building. Mr. Cook is trustee and member of the auditing committee of the Fitchburg Savings Bank, and director and member of the investment board of the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank. He was a candidate for Representative to the Massachusetts State Legislature and served in that position during 1908 and 1909. In 1914 the people of Fitchburg called him to the highest local office of the civic body, and in 1914 and 1915 he served as Mayor of the city of Fitchburg. During the World War Mr. Cook was active as chairman of the Liberty Loan drives, having jurisdiction over twenty-three cities and towns in the northern part of Worcester County. During those years, also, 1917-18-19, he served as a member of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention. He has borne an ever self-forgetful part in the fulfillment of his public duties. Fraternally Mr. Cook is affiliated with Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he has served as Commander; Lady Emma Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; he is a Past Noble Grand of Mount Roulstone Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Fitchburg Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Clark S. Simonds Camp, Sons of Veterans. His clubs are the Fay and Oak Hill Country, and he attends the First Parish Unitarian Church.

Benjamin Albert Cook married, in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, April 5, 1892, Minnie Louise Prouty, daughter

of Herbert C. and Mary A. (Phillips) Prouty, and they have one son: Russell Phillips, born March 17, 1900. The Cook residence is at No. 18 Mount Vernon Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

VINCENT EATON TOMLINSON, pastor of the First Universalist Church, of Worcester, Massachusetts, was born in Perry, New York, March 20, 1862, the son of Rev. Dewitt Clinton Tomlinson, who was born at Gaines, Orleans County, New York, August 24, 1824, and was for forty years a Universalist minister. He married Emeline C. Eaton, who was born May 20, 1830, at Perrinton, Monroe County, New York. They had three children: Carrie, who died in infancy; Irving C., born April 22, 1860; Mary E., born August 16, 1870, died April 19, 1907.

Vincent E. Tomlinson prepared for college in the preparatory school of Buchtel College, at Akron, Ohio, taking a four-year course, and then entered the college, from which he graduated in 1880 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He entered Tufts Divinity School the following term and graduated in 1884. In 1903 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Tufts. He was ordained in 1884 and became pastor of the Universalist church in Valley Falls, Rhode Island. From 1887, when he resigned his first pastorate, until 1890, he was pastor of the Ballou Universalist Church in Providence, Rhode Island; from 1890 to 1895 he was pastor of the First Universalist Church in Hudson, New York; from 1895 to 1900, of St. Paul's Universalist Church at Little Falls, New York. He assumed the pastorate of the First Universalist Church in Worcester, May 1, 1900, and is the present pastor. Dr. Tomlinson has been in a certain way a minister for the churchless people of the city, responding to every call to attend funerals and minister to the sick and needy. His popularity has extended far beyond the limits of his own church, and his ability, kindness, and charity have won the esteem of the entire community. He has been called into the public service, being a member of the School Committee from 1904 to 1912, and its chairman in 1910-12; a member of the Board of Aldermen, 1916-17, and president in his second year. At the end of his term the members, as a testimonial to the fairness and impartiality of Dr. Tomlinson as presiding officer, gave him a handsome desk set, and in the speeches delivered at the last meeting, paid him the highest compliments, in which the Democratic minority joined. He is now a director of the Free Public Library, elected for a term of six years, from January 1, 1918. In politics he has always been a Republican. He is a member of Montacute Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester Commandery, Knights Templar; of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce; the Worcester Economic Club, of which he has been president; the Public Education Society, of which he was president in 1915; the Worcester Fresh Air Work, of which he has been president since 1909; the Worcester Country Club. He is one of the advisory board of this work. He is also a director since 1916 of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Rev. Vincent E. Tomlinson married, in Valley Falls,

Rhode Island, September 27, 1887, Clarissa A. Hindley, who was born in Manchester, England, May 15, 1866, daughter of John S. and Clarissa (Stott) Hindley. Mrs. Tomlinson is a member of the Worcester Woman's Club. Their only child, Ruth, was born April 18, 1894, graduate of the Worcester High School, 1910; Smith College (A. B., 1914); Radcliffe College (A. M., 1916); graduate student at Johns Hopkins, 1916-17; now professor of history of Kentucky College for Women, Danville, Kentucky, (1917-18). Dr. Tomlinson's home is at No. 32 Irving Street. He has a summer place at Wakefield, Rhode Island.

JOHN ALLEN WALLACE—In the world of finance in Milford, Massachusetts, the name of John Allen Wallace is a familiar one, and Mr. Wallace is taking a very definite part in the local advance through his responsibilities as cashier of the Home National Bank of Milford. For upwards of eighteen years he has been identified with this institution entering the organization in the year 1906, and his rise through the various grades to his present position has been achieved solely on the merit of his service. Mr. Wallace is a son of James and Mary (Winters) Wallace, his father now deceased.

John Allen Wallace was born in Milford, Massachusetts, June 8, 1882. His education was begun in the local public schools and he is a graduate of the Milford High School, class of 1899. Shortly after his graduation Mr. Wallace entered the business world of Milford in the capacity of bookkeeper and was thus identified with various local business concerns for about seven years. Then taking up a similar position in the Home National Bank of Milford, Mr. Wallace acted as bookkeeper of that institution for twelve years, after which in the year 1918 he was promoted to the office of cashier. He still ably fills the duties of this position and is counted among the progressive and really significant men of the community. He is also a director of this institution and is further identified with the financial world of Milford as a director of the Milford Coöperative Bank, and a member of the Corporation of the Milford Savings Bank. Keeping in touch with all community and general progress, Mr. Wallace supports the Republican party in political affairs, but has never thus far accepted public responsibility. Fraternally he is a member of Montgomery Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Mt. Lebanon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Milford Commandery, Knights Templar; Milford Lodge, No. 223, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Fraternity Rebecca Lodge, No. 178; Milford Grange, No. 271, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a member of the Boston Masonic, and the Cynosam clubs. His religious affiliation is with Pine Street Baptist Church, of Milford.

Mr. Wallace married, on October 5, 1920, at Milford, Massachusetts, Agnes Mary Gilmore, daughter of William T. and Sophia Gilmore.

CHARLES A. GROSVENOR—In the manufacture of felt footwear, Charles A. Grosvenor stands among the prosperous and widely prominent manufacturers of Worcester County, with interest centering in the city of Worcester. With life experience in the shoe business in one branch or another Mr. Grosvenor is well

fitted for his present activities, and from the inception of the present enterprise has carried it forward to constantly larger success. It is now an important business in the industrial world of the city of Worcester.

Charles A. Grosvenor was born in Worcester, Massachusetts February 9, 1878, and is the son of S. Avery and Eva L. (McIntire) Grosvenor. His education was acquired in the public and high schools of the city, and as a young man he entered the employ of the Heywood Boot & Shoe Company of Worcester, in their retail store. He was later associated with his father in the retail shoe business for a time, under the firm name of the S. A. & C. A. Grosvenor Shoe Company, their store having been advantageously located at the corner of Main and Front streets. This interest was established in 1900 and was continued for about seven years, at the end of which period the store was purchased by the Ware-Pratt Company, and C. A. Grosvenor continued with the new firm in charge of their shoe department. Remaining in this connection for a number of years, Mr. Grosvenor later struck out for himself as a shoe jobber, and for about two and one-half years was very successful in this field. It was here, perhaps, that Mr. Grosvenor gained the general familiarity with the market which has been of such great advantage to him since. On June 16, 1917, he began the manufacture of felt footwear in a small way, with plant located on Austin Street. The business grew rapidly and he was soon obliged to find larger quarters, which were available at the present address, No. 70 Central Street. Removing to this location in November, 1919, he expanded the business materially, also began the manufacture of new lines and fresh patterns. In November, 1922, Mr. Grosvenor added to the scope of his activity by purchasing the slipper shop in Oxford, Massachusetts. The consolidated interests now form a large and important business, and the plants have a capacity of more than 12,000 pairs of shoes and slippers per day. The product is marketed through jobbers and large department stores from coast to coast. Under the firm name of the Charles A. Grosvenor Shoe Company, Mr. Grosvenor is sole owner of the interest and is carrying it forward with the policy of ever-increasing expansion. The plants are operating to capacity during the greater part of the time, and Mr. Grosvenor contemplates further additions in the not far distant future.

Mr. Grosvenor is a prominent member of Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, holding membership in both the York and Scottish Rite bodies. He also is a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rotary Club of Worcester, and the Worcester Golf and Country clubs. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and takes a deep interest in all civic progress, lending his influence and support to every movement which has for its object the betterment of the people. A Republican by political affiliation, he is a worker in the ranks of the party, but has never thus far accepted the responsibilities nor honors of office. Mr. Grosvenor is gifted with a very fine tenor voice of really wonderful range and timbre, and for eighteen years has been a tenor soloist in the Worcester churches, for nine years at the Piedmont Congregational Church

Charles A. Grosvenor married, on October 31, 1906, Della B. Savage, daughter of C. B. and Firilla (Crossman) Savage, and the family are members of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church.

EDMUND Q. ABBOT—In insurance circles in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, Edmund Q. Abbot is a man of large prominence as the Worcester representative of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey. With offices at No. 311 Main Street, he is successfully handling the extensive interests of this concern in the Worcester district, and is counted among the really noteworthy men of the day in Worcester County. Mr. Abbot is a son of William F. Abbot, who for many years was numbered among the distinguished men of this city. Born in Boston, William F. Abbot was highly educated, and for forty years served as an instructor in the Classical High School of Worcester, his scholarly mind, lofty ideals, and benevolent spirit giving his influence over the young people under his charge great significance for good. His death, which occurred April 21, 1922, was mourned by all who knew him. The mother, Caroline W. (Sewall) Abbot, was born in Wilmington, Delaware, and still survives her husband.

Edmund Q. Abbot was born in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, July 26, 1884. Receiving his early education in the local public schools, he was graduated from the Classical High School in the class of 1902. Thereafter entering Harvard University for his course in the liberal arts, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1906 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then took up the study of law at the same university, but ill health compelled him to abandon his plans for a professional career, and for two years he travelled in the hope of regaining his strength. The lure of the great West held him for a time thereafter, and he was active in the cattle business until the year 1916, when he returned to his native city to become associated with the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, as their Worcester representative. He was more than successful, and continuing in this connection permanently, has won the highest esteem of his business associates and contemporaries.

The military record of Edmund Q. Abbot begins with his enlistment in the United States Army in December, 1917, as a private. He was later transferred to the 311th Infantry Regiment, 78th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, and was promoted shortly to corporal, and later to sergeant. With his unit he sailed for France on May 19, 1918, and was detailed to the Army Candidates' School, at Langres-sur-Marne, France. On July 30, 1918, he was commissioned second lieutenant of infantry, and on September 25, of the same year, was assigned to the 316th Machine Gun Battalion of the 81st Division. From October 6 until the seventeenth of the same month he was active in the defensive sector of St. Die, then, on November 7, entered the fearful strain of the Meuse-Argonne offensive, serving at Haudiomont, Watronville, and Grimacourt, east of Verdun, until the signing of the Armistice. In March, 1919, Lieutenant Abbot was detailed to the Army University at Beaune, France, as head of the Life Insurance Department of the College of Business, remaining in this connection

until sailing for the United States on June 9, 1919. He received his honorable discharge from the service in July, 1919, with the rank of second lieutenant.

Mr. Abbot is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and is prominent fraternally, holding membership in all the Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic order, up to and including the thirty-second degree; also is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the American Legion. He is a well-known member of the Harvard Club of Worcester, and is affiliated with the First Unitarian Church.

Mr. Abbot married, on May 7, 1918, Melinda W. Rockwood, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, and they have two children: Richard Rockwood, born April 22, 1920; and Persis Lovejoy, born October 8, 1921.

RAYMOND A. RICE—Prominent in the industrial world of Southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, as treasurer and general manager of the Southbridge Printing Company, Mr. Rice is a noteworthy figure in the business progress of Southbridge. With experience in the same general line of activity in which he is now engaged, Mr. Rice came to his present position as a capable executive. He has become a significant member of the present organization and is affiliated with various other industrial concerns, also with current lines of community advance. He is a son of Charles L. Rice, who was born at Oswego, New York, and is a veteran insurance broker of that section, still being active in this field of endeavor in New York City. The mother, Ellen (Booth) Rice who was a native of New York State, died in the year 1883, at an early age.

Raymond A. Rice was born at Scranton, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1879. Receiving his early education in the public schools of his birthplace, he also covered the high school course in that city. In the year 1899 Mr. Rice came to Southbridge and entered the employ of the Southbridge Printing Company, being first active in the engraving department. He not only familiarized himself with the mechanics of engraving, but has now for some years been treasurer and general manager of that company, and is also treasurer of the Fiskdale Finishing Company, located in the outskirts of the town of Southbridge. The activities of these plants contribute much to the advance of the textile industry of this section, and Mr. Rice is bearing a significant part in their progress and prosperity. He is a member of the Manufacturers' Association of Southbridge, and is broadly interested also in those avenues of organized advance which pertain to the civic and social welfare of the community. In politics he is a Republican. He served as a member of the Southbridge Board of Selectmen for two terms, and during the World War, from the year 1918 to 1919 inclusive, was active as first lieutenant of the Massachusetts State Guard. Fraternally Mr. Rice is affiliated with Quinebaug Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Doric Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and he is a member of the Commonwealth Club of Worcester, the Putnam Country Club, the Leicester Country, and the Quinebaug clubs, these club connections revealing his great pleasure in outdoor interest. He attends the Episcopal church.

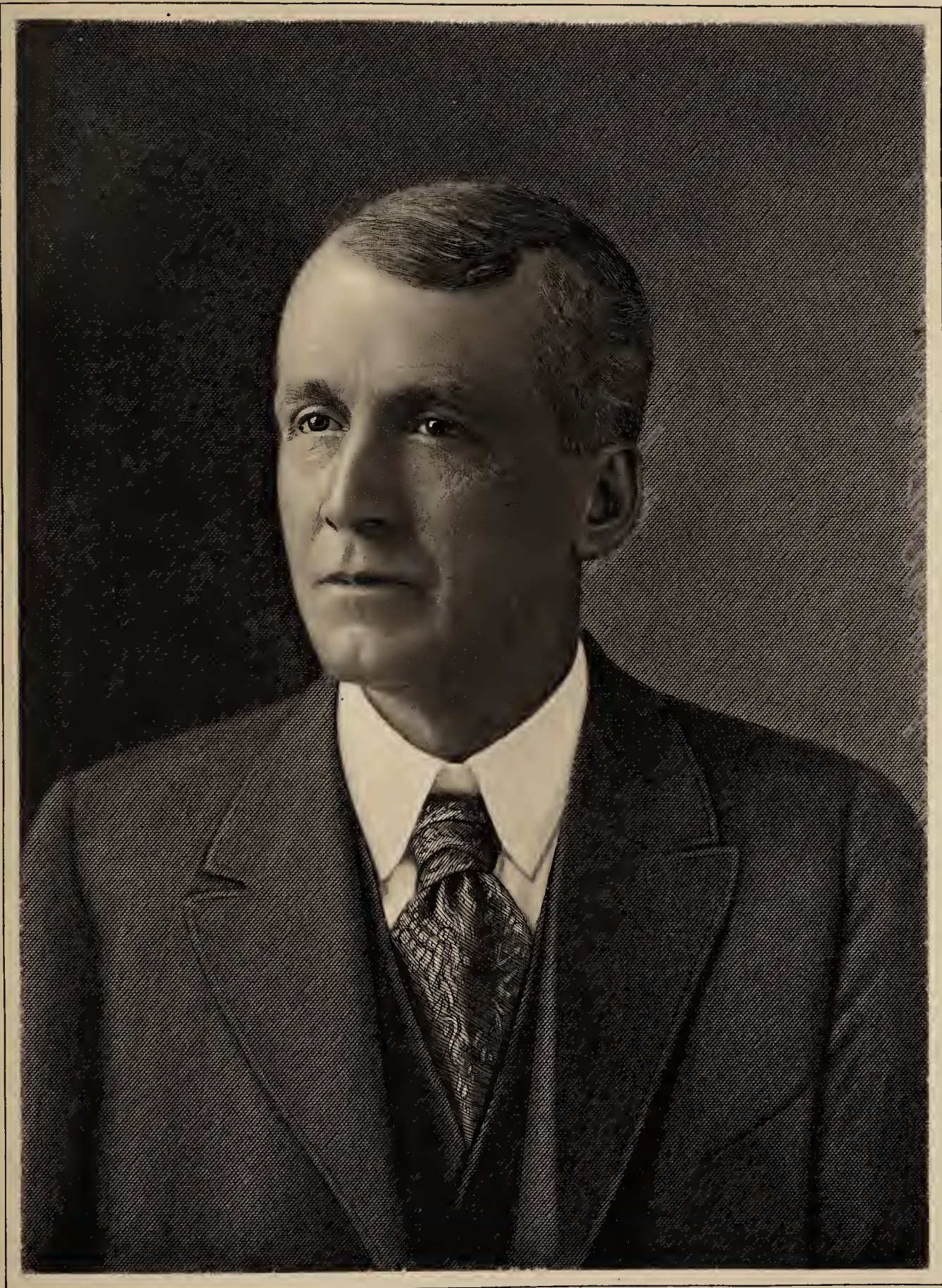
Mr. Rice married, in 1914, Sarah Jupp, who was born

in Cincinnati, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children: Ellen Booth and Alfred Jupp.

HON. FRANK WESLEY FENNO—A lifelong resident of Worcester County, Massachusetts, Mr. Fenno has risen from the position of the struggling youth without friends or influence to that of president of one of the foremost financial institutions of this part of the State, a record of which any man might well be proud, and which he has achieved by virtue of tireless endeavor along useful lines of activity, and the lofty personal integrity which commands the respect of every man. His usefulness in the public service has added significance to his record of honorable personal achievement, and he is counted among the really important men of Gardner, where his business interests center, and Westminster, of which he has been a lifelong resident.

The Fenno family is a very old one in Westminster, and Captain Reuben Fenno, Mr. Fenno's grandfather, was a farmer and shoemaker of this community early in the nineteenth century. Frank Bond Fenno, his son and Mr. Fenno's father, was born in Westminster, was a soldier of the Civil War, serving in a Massachusetts volunteer regiment, in which he enlisted in 1861. He died in 1875, at the age of forty-two years. He married Mahala Gould Estabrook, also a native of Westminster, who died in 1910, at the age of seventy-six years.

Frank Wesley Fenno was born in Westminster, October 24, 1861. His education was begun in the local public schools, and it was only through his own efforts that the boy, left fatherless in his thirteenth year, secured any formal training. His education has been largely self-acquired, his alert and retentive mind gaining useful and valuable information from every source. At the age of seventeen years he was working on a farm in Princeton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, receiving \$12 per month for his services. Thereafter, securing the means of a short course at the Bryant & Stratton Business College in Boston, he entered the offices of Nichols Brothers, chair manufacturers of Westminster, at the age of twenty years, in the capacity of bookkeeper. Some four years later, in partnership with a fellow workman, he began manufacturing chairs in spare hours, doing all the work themselves and placing their goods on sale as they had opportunity. At the age of twenty-five years Mr. Fenno was offered the cashiership of the Westminster National Bank, a rare tribute to the character of a young man of no experience whatever in banking. His acceptance of this offer placed Mr. Fenno in a field of business endeavor for which he was especially fitted, and in which he has remained continuously since. The history of the Westminster National Bank was merged with that of the Gardner Trust Company in the year 1916, and upon the death of John A. Dunn, who had served as president of both institutions, Frank W. Fenno was elected president of the Gardner Trust Company, which position he ably filled until January, 1923, when elected chairman of the board, rounding out thirty-seven years since his first entrance into the world of finance. Mr. Fenno is affiliated with several industrial concerns of Worcester



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County, being vice-president of the Nichols & Stone Company, chair manufacturers of Gardner, a director of Tom Wye, Incorporated, of Winchenden, and he is also a director of the Bean & Simonds Company of East Jaffrey, New Hampshire, match block manufacturers. He is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce.

In public affairs Mr. Fenno has, for many years, been a progressive leader. For thirty-five years he has held the office of treasurer of the town of Westminster, and has taken a foremost part in all movements for the betterment of the community and vicinity. In 1902 he was elected to the Legislature of the State as Representative from the Third Worcester District. His record as a legislator was one of which the people were proud, and he was given large responsibilities in that body, serving as chairman of the Committee on Towns and as a member of the Committees on Mercantile and Military Affairs. Through his efforts the bill which provided for the turning over to the State the care of roads about the State colony which are located in the towns of Westminster and Gardner, was brought before the Senate and became a law. He was returned to the House the following year, when the bill he introduced to settle the dispute for damages between Fitchburg and Westminster on account of taking property for a water supply became a law; this called for a cash payment from Fitchburg to Westminster, and was, perhaps, Mr. Fenno's greatest achievement in the House. In 1904 he was a candidate for the State Senate, his defeat at that time, by one vote, having been credited to the manœuvres of the "machine." Mr. Fenno served for many years as chairman of the Republican Town Committee of Westminster, Massachusetts. He also kept in touch with the progress of agricultural affairs in this section, being a member of the Westminster Grange, and was formerly president of the Westminster Farmers' and Mechanics' Association. He is a charter member and Past Commander of Camp No. 101, Sons of Veterans, and fraternally is identified with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; and Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Gardner Boat Club.

Mr. Fenno, married, on October 24, 1893, Mary A. Nichols, of Westminster, daughter of Charles Nichols, chair manufacturer and banker of Westminster and Gardner. Mrs. Fenno died March 24, 1912, leaving six children: 1. Doris Martha, a teacher in the Westminster schools. 2. Thaddeus B., postmaster of Westminster, who in taking up the duties of this office at the age of twenty-five years, walked through the same door which his father entered at the same age to assume the duties of cashier of the Westminster National Bank. 3. Alice Mahala, a graduate of Simmons' College, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, who holds a responsible position in Lowell. 4. Barbara May, a graduate of the Sargent School of Physical Education, and at present an instructor in Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Massachusetts. 5. Frank Wesley, Jr., a midshipman at Annapolis Naval Academy. 6. Charles Nichols, in the United States Marine Service.

FRANCIS H. OLIN, M. D.—Holding a leading position in the medical profession in Southern Worces-

ter County Massachusetts, Dr. Francis H. Olin has been active in practice in Southbridge for the past thirty-four years, and has won not only a large measure of success but has become also one of the most beloved and revered physicians of this part of the State, people of the community and the surrounding villages looking up to him as an advisor and friend, as well as in his professional capacity. Dr. Olin is a son of Francis M. Olin, who was born at Liverpool, Ohio, and was engaged in foundry work practically until his death, although he lived to the great age of ninety-four years. He passed away in 1919 in Falls Village, Connecticut. The mother, Caroline (Segar) Olin, was born in New Hartford, Connecticut, and also lived to an advanced age, passing away in 1913.

Francis H. Olin was born at Falls Village, Connecticut, February 23, 1855. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his birthplace and he later attended Rocky Dell Institute, also Sedgwick Institute, then after completing his preparatory studies under the preceptorship of Drs. Hobart and Jordan of Worcester, he entered the University of Michigan in the medical department, from which he was graduated in the class of 1881 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Following one year of hospital work, Dr. Olin returned to his native State in 1882 and opened his offices for the practice of medicine at Woodstock, Connecticut. There he was active for about seven years, then in the year 1889 he was persuaded to remove to Southbridge and has since been active in practice here at No. 27 Hamilton Street. He was successful from the first, and his ability as a physician has been augmented by his wide experience. He has seen the children whom he has brought into the world grow to youth and maturity and take useful positions in life, and in recent years his own status in the community is more truly that of the father and family friend than that of the professional man and he is most highly esteemed in all circles. Dr. Olin is a member of the American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Society, and the Worcester County Medical Society, and for a number of years he has been a member of the Board of Health of Southbridge. During the World War he was very active as a member of the medical advisory board at Palmer, Massachusetts, and gave his best endeavors to all the home activities of that trying period. Fraternally Dr. Olin is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and all the York Rite bodies of the Masonic order, also the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is further a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church.

Dr. Olin married, in 1911, Mary N. Simpson, who was born in Dallas, Texas.

HAROLD G. PRATT, as junior partner of the concern known as E. O. Pratt & Son, is associated with the largest hardware establishment in the city of Clinton, also with one of the oldest and best known enterprises of its kind in Worcester County.

Eugene O. Pratt, father of Harold G. Pratt, was born in Irving, Massachusetts, May 9, 1856, son of Gilbert Pratt, a native of Royalston, Massachusetts, who was engaged in business as a chairmaker to the time of

his death in 1865, and of Julia A. (Delaney) Pratt, a native of Canada, who died in 1917. He received a good, practical education in the public schools of Athol, Massachusetts, and after completing his school training became associated with the hardware business. He later, in 1890, purchased the old concern which was established by H. E. Starbird in 1860, and from 1890 to 1920 conducted a prosperous business under the name of E. O. Pratt. When, in 1920, his son, Harold G., was taken into partnership the firm name was changed to E. O. Pratt & Son, and under that style has continued to the present time. Eugene O. Pratt has been associated with the hardware business for more than fifty years, and there are few in his section of the State who are more familiar with that branch of business activity than is he. He is a member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and for forty-five years has been a member of the Masonic order, his lodge being Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Athol. He is also a member of the Prescott Club and the Clinton Historical Society. His religious interest is with the Congregational church of Clinton, of which he is a member. He is a director of Wachusett National Bank. On January 15, 1880, Eugene O. Pratt married Stella R. Maynard, who was born in Orange, Massachusetts, daughter of Charles and Caroline (Reynolds) Maynard. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O. Pratt are the parents of two children: Beulah M., who was born in Orange, Massachusetts, December 5, 1889; and Harold G., of further mention.

Harold G. Pratt was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, July 19, 1894, and received his early education in the public schools of Clinton. He then became a student in the famous Phillips-Exeter Academy, from which he was graduated in June, 1914. The following fall he entered the Massachusetts Technical Institute, where he continued his studies for two years, when the World War interfered. Upon the completion of his war service, he associated himself with his father in the hardware business under the firm name of E. O. Pratt & Son, and that connection has been maintained to the present time. The business is a steadily growing one, and as the largest in Clinton, has made for itself an enviable record.

Shortly after the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. Pratt enlisted, October 6, 1917, and was assigned to the 76th Division with the rank of private. In May, 1918, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Infantry, and on September 8, 1918, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, United States Infantry. He was discharged March 5, 1919, holding the last-named rank. In addition to his business interest Mr. Pratt finds time for various social and other connections. He is a member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, in the activities of which he takes a keen interest, and he is also a member of the Prescott Club and of James R. Kirby Post, American Legion, of Clinton. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church of Clinton. For his recreation he indulges in the game of golf.

REV. JAMES WILLIAM DOLAN—Under the spiritual leadership of Rev. James William Dolan the people of Saint Martin's Parish, in Otter River, Massachusetts, are going forward to ever higher attainments.

Father Dolan has been pastor of this church for the past seven years, and his work in this parish and in the community has contributed in no slight degree to the general advance. Covering, as his pastorate here has, the recent years of conflict and sorrow, his spirit of benevolence and loving kindness has meant much to the people of this section, and he is beloved as well as esteemed both among the members of his church and among the people generally.

Father Dolan was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, November 3, 1868, and is a son of Lawrence and Ellen (Mulvey) Dolan, his father active throughout his lifetime as a teamster. Father Dolan's education was begun in the public schools of his birthplace, and he attended Holy Cross College, of Worcester, for four months, then entered Saint Michael's College, at Toronto, Canada, from which he was graduated in due course, taking his degrees from Toronto University. Taking up his theological studies at Grand Seminary, in Montreal Canada, he completed his course in theology and philosophy at the Catholic University, in Washington, District of Columbia. He was ordained to the priesthood in Springfield, Massachusetts on December 24, 1892, and his first appointment was as assistant priest in Salem, Massachusetts. He was next sent to Springfield, Massachusetts, in a similar capacity, then was appointed to the Church of St. Bernard, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he did excellent service in encouraging the people in their forward labors and improving the church property. Successively active thereafter at Adams and Webster, Massachusetts, Father Dolan came to Otter River in October, 1916, and has since been the honored and beloved pastor of Saint Martin's Church. He not only gives to his own congregation the devoted care which leads the people ever to higher spiritual levels but endorses all community advance and bears a constructive part in the general progress of the day. He will be longest remembered in Fitchburg for his activities among the young men of the city. He organized and brought to its very highest the Young Men's Catholic Lyceum, which, during all his years there, was the leader in every branch of clean sport. This club house was the centre of all sporting activities of the city and surrounding towns. From it went many young men to the various colleges, Holy Cross naturally leading, where they became known throughout the college world. Father Dolan commands the esteem and admiration of all the people and of his contemporaries of the cloth in whatever religious denomination.

SOLON WILDER, one of the most widely known of the younger business men of Gardner, Massachusetts, lived a very busy, useful, successful life that, measured in figures of time, was all too short. His success as a business man was the natural result and reward of tireless diligence in the manifold duties laid upon him by needy causes, sorority institutions, and business, and of honorable dealing with his fellow men, which forgot itself in kindly interest for others. A devoted churchman and member of several fraternal orders, his circle of friends extended far beyond the church or lodge and included college fellows, kindred spirits in appreciation



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Sam Wilder

of music, business associates widely scattered, employees, and various classes of his fellow-men.

He came from an ancient English family recorded in Berkshire as land owners in 1407, Nicholas Wilder receiving lands from his king.

The American ancestor in this branch is Thomas (2) Wilder, son of Thomas and Martha Wilder, a great-grandson of Nicholas Wilder, and a resident of Ship-lake, Oxfordshire, England. Two of the sons of Thomas and Martha Wilder came to New England, Thomas settling in Charlestown and Edward settling in Hingham. After the death of her husband Martha Wilder joined her sons in New England, coming on the ship "Confidence," in 1638, with her daughter Mary, and settling near her son Edward in Hingham.

Thomas (2) Wilder, son of Thomas and Martha Wilder, was born in Shiplake, Oxfordshire, England, in 1618, and was a proprietor of Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1638. He was admitted a freeman June 2, 1641; in 1659 moved to Lancaster; was Selectman in 1660 and in 1667, and held other offices. His wife, Ann, whom he married in 1641, died June 10, 1692, surviving her husband twenty-five years, he dying October 23, 1667. The line of descent from Thomas and Ann Wilder, the American ancestors is thus traced: Thomas Wilder and his wife Ann; Lieutenant Nathaniel Wilder (killed by Indians) and his wife, Mary Sawyer; Ensign Oliver Wilder and his wife, Mary Fairbanks; Moses Wilder and his wife, Submit Frost; John Wilder and his wife, Sally Whipple; John Warren Wilder and his wife, Betsey Wellington; Jonas Brooks Wilder and his wife, Louisa Davidson; William Henry Wilder and his wife, Helen Marion Laws; Solon Wilder and his wife, Edith Leavens; Richard Wilder, born September 11, 1911.

John Warren Wilder of the sixth generation, moved from Massachusetts to Belfast, Maine, where his son Jonas Brooks Wilder, and his grandson, William Henry Wilder, were born. Jonas Brooks Wilder was a mechanic and inventor, the design of the hillside plow being credited to him.

William Henry Wilder, M. C., of the eighth generation, was born at Belfast, Maine, May 14, 1855, died in Washington, District of Columbia, September 11, 1913, being a member of the Sixty-third Congress of the United States. In 1866 Massachusetts again became the family home, he finding employment in Gardner. At the age of seventeen years he began business under his own name as a contractor of painting and house decoration, passing from that business in 1884 to an association with A. M. Greenwood and Calvin H. Hill, through whose influence oil stove manufacturing became a Gardner industry. Mr. Wilder's inventive genius was of great benefit to the business, and for a quarter of a century, 1884-1909, there was not a year that he did not obtain at least one patent, and they numbered half a hundred. His partners were more interested in chair manufacture, and the oil stove business was left to Mr. Wilder, who developed a large business. He was a prominent factor in bringing about a consolidation of the various plants under the corporate name of the Central Oil-Gas Stove Company, and was its treasurer. Factories were operated in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Michigan, with warehouses in Boston, New York, and Chicago. In 1895, through no fault of his own, he found himself

involved in business disaster with a quarter of a million dollars indebtedness. He assumed these obligations and before his death the entire amount was paid or abundantly secured. In 1896 he organized the business in Gardner now conducted under the name Central Oil-Gas Stove Company. In 1897 he placed on the market the famed blue-flame oil stove made under his own patents, and built up a business which restored his fortunes.

Mr. Wilder was a man of great energy and public spirit, doing a great deal for his community. He was a Republican from early life, and at the time of his death was representing the district in Congress, his second term. He made five trips to the Pacific, four trips to Europe, and in 1909 spent a month in Panama. He was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Gardner; a member of lodge, chapter, commandery, and consistory of the Masonic order; a Noble of the Mystic Shrine; honorary member of the Grand Army of the Republic; and greatly interested in his farm near Gardner.

Mr. Wilder married (first), June 20, 1876, Helen Marion Laws, born March 7, 1855, in Gardner, died there November 30, 1909, daughter of Samuel Newell and Fidelia (Whitney) Laws. He married (second), March 22, 1912, Irene Paula Uibel, who survived him. By his first marriage five children were born, the eldest a son, Solon.

Solon Wilder, eldest son of William Henry and Helen Marion (Laws) Wilder, was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, May 19, 1883, and there died December 5, 1922. He was educated in the public schools of Florence and Gardner, Massachusetts, finishing with graduation from Gardner High School in 1901. He then entered Harvard University, whence he was graduated Bachelor of Arts, class of 1905. For two years after leaving college he represented the interests of the Central Oil-Gas Stove Company on the road, and succeeded his father as president of that company after the latter's death in 1913. The business became one of the largest industries of Gardner. Solon Wilder inherited the strong business ability of his father, and under his management the prestige of the Wilder name grew greater in the business world. Affable, genial, warm hearted, and generous, he made many friends and won all hearts.

In the Masonic order Mr. Wilder was affiliated with all bodies of both York and Scottish rites. He was a Master Mason of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; a companion and Past High Priest of Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons (his father the first High Priest of that chapter); District Deputy of Masonic District No. 11; a Sir Knight of Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; all of Gardner. In the Scottish Rite he held the thirty-second degree; was a noble of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Sons of Veterans, and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs were the Gardner Boat, Ridgely, Fay, Oak Hill Country, Worcester Country, Harvard, and Boston City. In politics Mr. Wilder was a Republican and in religious faith a lifelong member of the First Congregational Church. He was a lover of music and an accomplished

performer on piano, pipe organ, and cello. He often acted as organist at church functions, and aided largely in maintaining the music of the church. To him is largely due the high character of the vesper concerts, which became the special contribution of the First Church to community life, and every Sunday he lent the inspiration and influence of his presence at the church service. He gave of his business ability to the church council, and when his pastor pronounced the eulogy over his friend he paid an eloquent and heartfelt tribute to the man who had been a pillar of strength to the church and to its pastor.

While the Central Oil-Gas Stove Company was the chief business interest of Mr. Wilder's life, he had other connections of importance. He was president of the Meals Printing Company and a director of the First National Bank, both of Gardner. One of his marked characteristics was his deep interest in the public welfare, and while he never held public office he wielded a strong influence in community affairs. He served as secretary of the City Hall Memorial Building Committee, and was always ready to "lend a hand" to aid either a cause or an individual. As a mark of public esteem all town offices, factory offices, and stores throughout his city were closed during the funeral services. He was laid at rest in Crystal Lake Cemetery, the funeral services being conducted in part under the beautiful ritual service of the Knights Templar, of which he was an honored member. From the "Memory Book," compiled from tributes to his character, life and virtues, from minister and friends, old and new, of college days, and social and business association, a few excerpts are here reproduced.

Mr. Wilder lived a busy, successful, helpful life. His success as a business man, as an honored citizen and a widely known and deeply beloved friend was not the result of chance. It was rather the natural result and reward of tireless diligence in the manifold duties laid upon his great shoulders and heart by needy causes, worthy institutions and business interests, of honorable dealing with his fellow-men, and of a pleasing brotherly personality which forgot itself in kindly interest for others. Because he chose such principles to be the foundation of his life, it is as natural as the harvest which follows the sowing and the long patient cultivation that his life should be the kind these friends and this community recognizes and honors. "We reap as we sow," and to him death is only a passing, a transition.

Barrie says: "God gave us memory that we may have roses in December," and the roses of friendliness and cordiality that he scattered to brighten the paths of all who approached him are crystallized by memory into a monument that is, after all, the only measure of success.

I am not very apt to exaggerate much in my ideas of my friends—but I could and have without any difficulty, pictured him as Governor of his State, or Senator, or one of the big financial and industrial men. He had it in him, but those careers or a combination of them could have added nothing to what we heard at the Gardner station, when a brakeman, or expressman, or whatever he was, said: "Mr. Wilder was my friend, he was the best liked man in Gardner, he was the real thing; lots of people in this town put up a bluff, but he never did. He was genuine and was everybody's friend." There are men we can admire, many of them, there are men whom we can love, but there are few for whom we can blend love and admiration as we did for him. Tenderness without softness, strength without harshness, freedom of thought without vulgarity, courage without arrogance, keen understanding of people without sourness, high self-respect without conceit, artistic and intellectual appreciation without snobbishness; these are some of the reasons why we loved him and believed in him and expected big things of him, also why we did not think we could spare him, because the world does not permit us to know many such.

Solon Wilder married, June 12, 1907, Edith Leavens, born in Brooklyn, New York, November 15, 1883, daughter of Thomas C. and Fanny (Birch) Leavens. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilder three children were born: Ruth, born February 28, 1910, in Gardner, there died March 31, 1911; Richard, born in Gardner, September 11, 1911; and Robert Dinsmoor, born April 2, 1916. The family home in Gardner was at No. 34 Woodland Avenue, the summer home at Friendship, Maine. Mrs. Wilder survives her husband, a resident of Gardner.

ELMER G. FOSGATE, M. D.—(I) John Fosgate was born in 1636, and died in 1689. He was a soldier of King Philip's War in 1675, and lived at Charlestown, Massachusetts. His son, Robert, is of further mention.

(II.) Robert Fosgate, son of John Fosgate, was born in 1672 at Charlestown, Massachusetts. He made application for a soldier's grant of land at what is now Ashburnham, Massachusetts.

(III.) Robert Fosgate, son of Robert Fosgate, was born April 1, 1704. He married Sarah Howe, and settled at Gates Farm, Berlin, Massachusetts. He was a soldier of the Revolution and was with the expedition that marched against Crown Point, although then far past military age. Robert and Sarah (Howe) Fosgate were the parents of five sons and eight daughters, one of whom, Joel, is mentioned below.

(IV.) Joel Fosgate, sixth child of Robert and Sarah (Howe) Fosgate, was born in 1751, and died in 1824. He was also a soldier of the Revolution.

(V.) Robert Fosgate, son of Joel Fosgate, was born August 15, 1779. He married Hannah, daughter of William Sawyer, and resided at Winchester, New Hampshire. He died in 1844.

(VI.) Joel Fosgate, son of Robert and Hannah (Sawyer) Fosgate, was born in 1814, and died in 1903. He was a farmer of Winchester, New Hampshire, which was the birthplace of both himself and his wife, Malvina A. Doolittle. They were the parents of Dr. Elmer G. Fosgate, of this review, who for the last quarter of a century has been a practicing physician of Ashburnham, Massachusetts.

(VII.) Elmer G. Fosgate, son of Joel and Malvina A. (Doolittle) Fosgate, was born at Winchester, New Hampshire, July 20, 1859. He was educated in the public schools of Winchester, passing thence to Dartmouth Medical College, and there receiving the degree of Medical Doctor, class of 1888. During the years prior to obtaining his degree, Dr. Fosgate was for four years employed as a drug clerk, and during the same period taught school. After graduation he conducted a drug business for a few months, then began medical practice in Rindge, New Hampshire, there remaining seven years, until the fall of 1895, when he located in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, and has there been continuously in the practice of his profession.

Dr. Fosgate is a Republican in politics, and for the past six years, 1917-1924, has been chairman of the Board of Selectmen, having also been a member of the board for the six years preceding 1917. For seventeen years he has been on the School Board, and was chairman of the Republican Town Committee. In 1913 and 1914 he represented the Second Worcester District in the State Legislature. He is a member of the Massa-

chusetts State Medical Society, a member of the Grange, of which he is Past Master, and of the Worcester County Medical Society. He is a member of the standing committee and a deacon of the Congregational church.

Dr. Fosgate married (first), January 1, 1889, at Winchester, New Hampshire, Julia T. Bliss, who died June 12, 1901. He married (second), December 25, 1902, at Ashburnham Massachusetts, Sadie M. Lane, daughter of David and Sophia (Morris) Lane. A daughter, Hazel E. Fosgate, was born in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, September 22, 1892, to Dr. Elmer H. and Julia T. (Bliss) Fosgate. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke College with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, and is now a teacher in the American International College.

VICTOR WELLINGTON COLLIER, in the world of finance in Worcester County, Massachusetts, is a foremost figure, and in his present position as president of the Milford National Bank he wields an influence for progress in every line of effort. His long experience and the ability which has carried him to his present noteworthy position equip men in a very practical way for his present responsibilities, and he is interested also in many forms of organized activity, taking a leading part in fraternal advance and giving constructive aid to every worthy movement. Mr. Collier comes of an old Massachusetts family, and is a son of William W. Collier, who was active in the United States Navy during the Civil War, and whose lifetime was principally spent in the calling of marine engineer. The mother, Carrie A. (Coffin) Collier, is also a native of Massachusetts.

Victor Wellington Collier was born at Chelsea, Massachusetts, September 18, 1877. His education was begun in the local schools and he is a graduate of Williams School of Chelsea, also of the Bellingham High School, of Chelsea. As a youth he entered the employ of the National Shawmut Bank, of Boston, and remained with that concern for many years, rising in the organization from a subordinate position to one of large responsibility. In the year 1920 Mr. Collier came to Milford to become associated with the Milford National Bank as president, and in this position has since been active. His previous experience was of the greatest use to him in coming to this institution, which forms a center of financial activity in the smaller community. In the civic, fraternal, and social advance of Milford, Mr. Collier has taken a leading part since his residence in this section, his home being in the nearby village of Hopedale. He is a Republican by political affiliation, but although always active in party affairs, he has never accepted official honors. During the Spanish-American War Mr. Collier served in the United States Navy and saw active service at Santiago and El Mariel. He is a member of the Milford Chamber of Commerce, of the United Spanish War Veterans, and the Military Order of Serpent. Fraternally Mr. Collier is affiliated with Converse Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Malden; Mount Lebanon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Milford; Milford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Milford Commandery, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic

Shrine, of Boston. He is further affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Old Williams School Association. His clubs are the Boston City and the Cinosam, of Milford. He has for many years identified himself with religious advance, and holds membership in the Unitarian church.

Mr. Collier married, in Chelsea, Massachusetts, September 18, 1900, Florence Elizabeth Learned, daughter of George Grant and Elizabeth (Lent) Learned, and they have three children: William Wellington, born February 1, 1903; Elizabeth Learned, born July 25, 1904; and Hilma, born December 31, 1911.

GEORGE A. MARSHALL, as an efficient business man and a public-spirited citizen, is well known in Leominster, Massachusetts, where practically his entire life has been passed. He has a host of friends, and among his business associates he is most highly esteemed.

Born in Leominster, Massachusetts, April 5, 1873, son of Alvin Marshall, a piano case maker, and Mary (Morse) Marshall. Mr. Marshall is a descendant of "Mayflower" ancestry, and belongs to one of the oldest families, which has from the beginning of the history of this country, contributed valuable service to its descendants. He received his early and preparatory education in the grammar and high schools of Leominster, and then prepared for a business career by taking a commercial course in Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. When his business training was completed he entered the employ of the Whitney Paper Box Company, of Leominster, as bookkeeper, and was soon given charge of the folding box department, in addition to his duties as bookkeeper. For eight years he continued to efficiently discharge the duties of that position, and then, in 1903, when the Howe Comb Company was incorporated, he was made secretary of the latter concern, Charles A. Howe being president and treasurer. Ten years later, in 1913, Mr. Howe retired and Mr. Marshall became president and treasurer, and Edward Earl, secretary. They made a specialty of celluloid novelties and horn hairpins, sending their products to all parts of the country. During the World War he attended to the production and manufacturing of buttons, sending out thousands of gross of these articles but has not further expanded this feature.

In addition to his responsibilities as a manufacturer, Mr. Marshall is also a member of the board of directors of the Leominster National Bank. He is a member of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce, and has always taken an active interest in the public welfare of his native city. He is a Republican, politically, and fraternally is associated with Leominster Lodge, No. 1327, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs are: The Leominster, Monoosnock Country, and the Leominster Country. His religious affiliation is with the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Leominster.

On January 18, 1897, at Leominster, Massachusetts, Mr. Marshall married Marion M. Lawrence, daughter of S. Henry and Sarah (Moore) Lawrence, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Lawrence, born January 1, 1899, a graduate of Worcester Academy, and now (1923) associated with his father in business. During the World War he served with the United States Naval

Reserve; he married Doris Caulfield. 2. Barbara, born March 26, 1905, a student in the Kathrine Gibbs School in Boston, taking a secretarial course.

HENRY CLAY GRATON, treasurer of the Graton & Knight Manufacturing Company and one of its founders, was born in Leicester, Massachusetts, July 10, 1830, son of William and Lucy L. (Adams) Graton. His given name was Riley, as shown by the vital records of the town of Leicester, but in early childhood it was changed to Henry Clay. His father was also a native of Leicester, born September 1, 1797. For many years he was engaged in the card clothing business in this city, and he died here in 1877. His mother was born April 8, 1798, and died in Worcester, September 6, 1867, a daughter of Daniel Emerson Adams. She was descended from Revolutionary and Colonial stock. The first settler, Henry Adams, was ancestor of President John Adams and President John Quincy Adams. He came from England and settled before 1639 in Mount Wollaston, part of Boston, later the town of Braintree, where he died in June, 1646; to his memory President John Adams erected a monument, commemorating the "piety, humility, simplicity, prudence, patience, temperance, frugality, industry, and perseverance of Henry Adams." It may be said here that these virtues describe with remarkable accuracy the characteristics of Henry Clay Graton, who doubtless inherited much from his Adams ancestry.

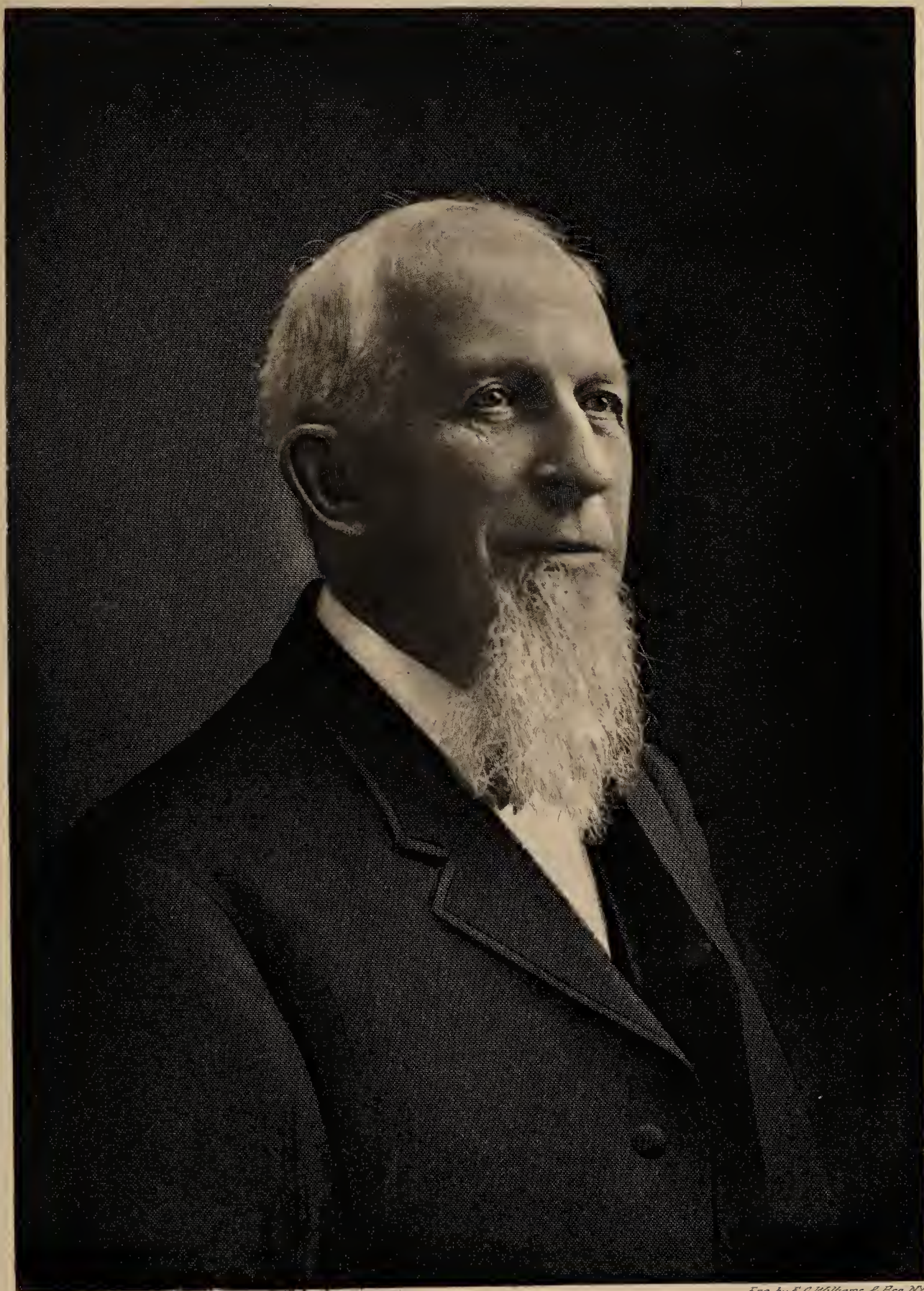
Ensign Henry Adams, son of the immigrant, settled in Medfield, and became a leading citizen of that town, an officer of the military company, Selectman, and Deputy to the General Court. He married Lydia Rockwood, daughter of Richard and Agnes (Bicknell) Rockwood. John Adams, of the next generation, married Deborah Partridge, and followed farming in Medway. His son, Eleazer, the next of the line, was one of the founders of West Medway, and was Selectman eight years. He was one of the pioneers of the Baptist faith, and was sent to the Boston jail in 1753 for refusing to pay his parish tax for the support of the Congregational church. John Adams, son of Eleazer Adams, came to Brookfield, and was a soldier in the Revolution. His son, James Adams, was father of Daniel Emerson Adams, and grandfather of Mr. Graton. Daniel Emerson Adams married Tamara Converse, daughter of Luke Converse. Mr. Graton is descended from many of the early settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and is old New England stock in every branch of maternal line.

Ruth L. Graton, sister of Henry Clay Graton, was born June 4, 1832, married Haskey Wight, and lived at Lawrence, Kansas; John R. Graton, a brother, born April 21, 1836, died at Falmouth; his widow afterwards lived in Lawrence, Kansas.

Henry Clay Graton received his early schooling in his native town, in the public schools and Leicester Academy. At the age of fifteen he began his career as a shop hand, employed in preparing leather for card-setting machines, and after completing his apprenticeship he worked in the card-clothing factory of Earle & Eames and Timothy K. Earle & Company, in Worcester, for eight years, being in charge of the business for four years. The business now conducted under the cor-

porate name of the Graton & Knight Manufacturing Company, was established by Mr. Graton and Joseph A. Knight in February, 1861, when they formed a partnership and purchased the belt department of T. K. Earle & Company, doing business at first under the firm name of Graton & Knight. A short time afterward, the firm moved its business from the card clothing factory on Grafton Street to two rooms, each 20x60 feet, in the Old Harding Block on Front Street. The firm started in a modest way on a small scale. For several years most of the labor was performed by the two partners, who worked early and late; they were their own salesmen, too, and they often went on foot from mill to mill to solicit business and dispose of their stock. But year by year the business grew, and from time to time additional space was added to the factory. In 1868 the firm built a small tannery on Bloomingdale Road in order to manufacture leather specially adapted for making belts. The resulting improvement in the goods of the firm led to the construction of an addition to the tannery in the following year. The business was incorporated in 1872 under its present name, with a capital of \$100,000, Joseph A. Knight being president, Mr. Graton treasurer, and Walter M. Spaulding, vice-president and secretary. Mr. Knight continued active in the business to the time of his death. In 1875 the company began to send out traveling salesmen, and in that year the capital stock was doubled to afford a larger plant and more working capital. A third building for tannery purposes was erected on Bloomingdale Road in 1880. In 1893 the capital stock was increased to \$300,000, and a four-story building was erected on Bloomingdale Road, they then vacating the Harding Block, three-quarters of which was used by the belting business at that time. In the more than twenty-five years that have passed the plant has been repeatedly enlarged to provide greater facilities for the business, which has grown steadily and rapidly. The company is known throughout the world and stands at the head of its line of business. The Graton & Knight Manufacturing Company now has a paid-up capital of \$2,000,000. Factories have been added at Cleveland and Detroit, where a complete stock of belting and sundries is carried. Each branch is equipped to install or repair belts of all kinds. The Cleveland factory is located at Nos. 1604-08 West Third Street; the Detroit factory at No. 266 Jefferson Avenue, East. The company also maintains branch stores in fifteen large cities, viz.: Nos. 93-95 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia; No. 33 Lincoln Street, Boston; Nos. 32-34 South Jefferson Street, Chicago; No. 177 Bedford Street, Fall River; No. 712 Delaware Street, Kansas City, Missouri; No. 103 West Water Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; No. 310 Third Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota; No. 46 St. Alexander Street, Montreal, Canada; No. 72 Warren Street, New York City; No. 132 North Third Street, Philadelphia; No. 327 Water Street, Pittsburgh; No. 51 First Street, Portland, Oregon; No. 247 Mission Street, San Francisco, California; No. 320 Occidental Avenue, Seattle, Washington; Nos. 701-11 North Eighth Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Their selling agents in Texas, the Graton & Knight Manufacturing Company of Texas, has headquarters at No. 309 North Austin Street, Dallas.

In 1867 Graton & Knight could tan only a few hun-



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dred skins in a year; at the present time more than 200,000 are tanned in a year. The company received medals for their exhibits at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904; at the Lewis & Clark Exhibition at Portland, Oregon, in 1905; at the Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition, Virginia, in 1907; and at the Alaska-Yukon Exposition at Seattle, Washington, in 1909, each being the highest award granted to belt manufacturers at these expositions. In addition to belting, the company manufactures lace leather, belt cement, belt dressings, leather packings, strapping, automobile leather, shoe counters, innersoles, welting, and box toes, besides a great variety of other leather articles. The plant is conceded to be the largest and best equipped in the world for tanning and currying hides and manufacturing leather belts. The officers are: Walter M. Spaulding, president; Mr. Graton, treasurer; George T. Dewey, vice-president; W. Virgil Spaulding, secretary and assistant treasurer; Frank H. Willard, assistant general manager, and Henry G. Gould, comptroller.

Mr. Graton has been treasurer of the company from the beginning, and few men in the country have had the satisfaction of seeing such an extensive business develop during their lifetime. The present plant contrasts vividly with the two rooms in which the business was started. The plant covers eight acres, and 1,300 hands are employed. In the office alone more than sixty are on the payroll. Seventy traveling salesmen sell an annual product of more than \$10,000,000. The company has made great advance in caring for the health and comfort of its employees; a modern heating and ventilating system keeps the air fresh, free from odors, and at the proper temperature; in summer a refrigerating plant is used to keep the workrooms comfortably cool.

As the founder of one of its greatest industries, Mr. Graton is entitled to one of the foremost places of honor in the history of the city. After more than sixty years of active and strenuous business he is still the same able, clear-sighted, kindly man of earlier years, beloved by his subordinates and respected in the business circles of the city. For more than thirty years he lived at No. 37 Providence Street; his present home is at No. 690 Pleasant Street, opposite Newton Hill.

In religion Mr. Graton is a Methodist, joining the Coral Street Methodist Church early in life, now a member of the Church of the Covenant, of which he was a member of the building committee. He has been a liberal benefactor of many other churches of various denominations, of the Boys' Club, the Young Men's Christian Association, and many other charitable and religious organizations of the city. No man of means is more unostentatious, however, in his giving and none more anxious to have his wealth devoted to useful purposes. In politics Mr. Graton has been a lifelong Republican, though he has studiously avoided public office.

Mr. Graton married, June 7, 1863, Lucretia M. Gould, born July 30, 1838, and died in this city, December 10, 1910, a daughter of Charles M. and Rebecca (Harris) Gould. Their only child, Minnie Etta, died at the age of four years. Mrs. Graton was prominent in the work of the church, in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Worcester Reform Club, and in various other charitable and social service organizations.

She was a modest, kindly, pious woman of many endearing qualities, caring nothing for modern society, adhering closely to the standards of life and faith of her Puritan ancestry.

Mrs. Graton spent her girlhood days in Massachusetts, with the exception of the first three years, which were spent at Swan Lake, Maine, her birthplace. Worcester was her home from 1845 to the time of her death. We quote from an eulogy, written by Rev. Robert J. Floody, and published in a book with a collection of her poems, entitled "Heavenly Jewels":

To none could the term minister be more fittingly applied. She believed in the gospel of the Good Samaritan and felt the force of the command, "Go and do thou likewise." Besides doing her duty to the charities and philanthropies of the city, she expended her energies and means in many other directions. She kindly lent her assistance to many students at various universities, colleges, academies, schools, who were struggling to educate themselves and complete their courses. The conductors, motormen and railroad men became recipients of her graces, and warmly responded. The workingman who had struggled with misfortune found in Mrs. Graton a ministering angel who lifted his burden and made his heart rejoice. The poor servant girl without a friend found a friend in this hand-maiden of the Lord. The inmates of the Home Farm were cheered by her personal presence and personal gifts. Those incarcerated within prison walls were favored by her attentions and personal services.

Her activities in a very special way extended into the temperance field. She was one of the early crusaders, being a devoted worker and a leading factor; also was she an earnest laborer in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and always lent her prayers, influence and personal work in the no-license campaign. The great Peace Movement enlisted her special interest and she attended some of its great conferences at Lake Mohonk. Social settlement, Garden City Work and all other agencies for human betterment found a ready helper in this remarkable woman. The little children soon recognized the charm of her personality and clung to her. She could be a little child, play games with them, tell stories and enter completely into their life. A little card or gift at Christmas revealed to the children she had not forgotten them. Wherever she could bestow a kindness, show a favor, lend a helping hand, she never failed to do it.

The following stanza of one of her poems well illustrates her life:

"There is a God, there is a way,
Where we may find true rest,
It is in the sweet life of love,
And doing just our best."

Her religious life is not less remarkable in its activity and richness than her practical life. She had a deeply devotional nature that did not stop with the outward and superficial. No one desired more earnestly to conscientiously get at the source of truth. Never would she enter upon any duty without consulting the Father. She virtually talked with the Lord. Her Bible was her constant companion. Her faith was strong and optimistic. Her poems reveal how much her mind dwelt on the spiritual. She adhered to the Methodist form of belief and was a loyal member of Coral Street Church, Worcester, for thirty-six years.

Her good sense was as remarkable as her devotion. She had charity for all those who differed with her on religious things. Her creed was sprinkled with a great deal of good sense. It is very seldom that there is found in one individual, deep devotion, good sense and practical work combined in such a degree as in Mrs. Graton. Her life was without the show and zeal of high official positions, but it was rather a dynamic influence that moulded for God and righteousness. Her life more accords with the Master, who went about doing good—"About his Father's business." We will have to search long before we will find one who tried so conscientiously to be "about her Father's business."

"The life that's lived for self alone,
Shall weak become and small;
But life we give to one and all,
Shall never, never fall."
(Poem on Unselfishness by Mrs. Graton.)

WILLIAM WALLACE HOLMES, in commercial advance in the public service and in fraternal activity, is a leading figure in Webster, Massachusetts. Active in his younger days in the grocery business and also in the shoe industry, he has for the past twenty years and more been engaged in the distribution of grain, flour, feed, and so forth, also building and masons' materials. Mr. Holmes is a son of Rev. Lucius Holmes, prominent Universalist minister, who held pastorates in both Massachusetts and New York State, and preached many times at Webster. The mother, Sophia (Bates) Holmes, was the sister of A. J. Bates, the well-known shoe manufacturer of Webster.

William Wallace Holmes, son of these parents, was born at North Adams, Massachusetts, June 17, 1874. The family removed to Orange, Massachusetts, when he was two years of age, later removing to Charlton and thereafter to Natick, then back to Orange, as the father was called from one church to another. During these years Mr. Holmes received his education in the public schools, principally at Orange, where he attended high school and where his business life was begun as an employee in a grocery store. Coming to Webster on March 28, 1892, Mr. Holmes entered the employ of the A. J. Bates Company, shoe manufacturers, of which his uncle was the head and remained with the concern for a period of ten years. During that time he became thoroughly familiar with the business and rose to the position of foreman and eventually assistant superintendent. In 1902 Mr. Holmes struck out in an independent business, purchasing the hay and grain store theretofore conducted by his cousin, Oscar Shumway. The business was established in 1846 by Mr. Holmes' uncle, William Holmes. Mr. Holmes has largely developed and built up this business, extending its scope and increasing its patronage. He now handles besides grain, flour and feed, lime, cement, and all kinds of Masons' materials, and in his success is counting largely for the progress of construction activity in this part of Worcester County. Mr. Holmes is affiliated with the financial world of Webster as vice-president of the Webster Five-Cent Savings Bank and director of the Webster National Bank. He has for many years been an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and has served on the Board of Registrars. In 1914 he was elected Town Treasurer of Webster, and in this very responsible position has served since, the community realizing much benefit from his practical ability and still retaining him in this office. For the past twenty years he has been a trustee of the Webster Public Library, and at all times gives his best efforts to the advancement of any worthy cause. During the World War he served on all committees of the various loan drives and gave largely of his time and means to the many war activities. During the period of its existence he was very active in the Webster Chamber of Commerce, and served as its last president. Mr. Holmes is largely prominent in the Masonic order, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, being a member of Webster Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; the Royal Arch chapters in both Webster and Southbridge; Massachusetts consistory, and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Boston of which he is a life

member. His religious affiliation is with the First Congregational Church and he has been on the parish committee of the church for many years.

Mr. Holmes married Mary Buell of Woburn, Massachusetts, daughter of Frederick and Myra Buell. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are the parents of four children: Elizabeth, Barbara Sophia, Patricia, and Mary Buell.

FRANCIS HENRY LALLY, M. D.—The medical profession is represented in Worcester County by as broadly progressive a group of men as could readily be found in any section, and in the town of Milford, Dr. Lally holds a very prominent position. He is a son of Michael C. Lally, who was born in County Kings, Ireland, and came to the United States at the age of six years. He enlisted in the Civil War as a member of Company J, 57th Regiment, of Milford, Massachusetts, Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the period of the war, at one time being confined in Andersonville prison. He was wounded severely in more than one engagement, but survived to return to civilian life and live to an advanced age, passing away in Milford, February 8, 1913. He was one of the charter members of the Worcester Post, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he retained his membership until his death. The mother, Bridget M. (McManus) Lally, is now living. They were the parents of four children, of whom Dr. Lally was the eldest, and the other three were triplets, who died in infancy.

Francis Henry Lally was born at Milford, Massachusetts, March 14, 1875. The family later residing in the city of Worcester, he attended the Worcester High School, then later entered Holy Cross College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1898. Thereafter taking up his professional studies at Dartmouth College Medical School, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1902. Before the close of the same year, Dr. Lally took up his practice in Milford, and in the twenty years and more which have since elapsed he has won large success. He now has a very extensive practice along general lines of medicine and surgery and both in the profession and among the people generally, he is considered one of the progressive and leading physicians of the day. During the World War Dr. Lally enlisted at Boston, in July, 1918, in the Medical Corps of the regular army and was transferred to Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he served until his discharge on December 27, 1919. With this added experience Dr. Lally returned to Milford, then again took up the practice of his profession there. He now serves as a member of the Milford Board of Health, and is affiliated with the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, the Worcester County South Medical Society, the Association of Military Surgeons, and the Thurber Medical Society. He has been a member of the Board of Health for eighteen years, United States Bureau physician since his discharge from the army, and volunteer medical examiner after his discharge from the army with the rank of captain. Fraternally Dr. Lally is a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Milford, and is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, and the Foresters of America. He served as the first executive officer of the Sergeant John Bowers Post, No. 59,



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American Legion, and is still a member. Politically Dr. Lally is an independent in politics, but except along the line of his profession, he has never thus far accepted public responsibilities. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Dr. Lally married, in Milford, Massachusetts, on August 3, 1906, Beatrice Bourne, daughter of William H. and Ucelia (Walker) Bourne, and they have one son, Robert Francis, born February 8, 1909.

GEORGE CROMPTON, SR.—When, in 1851, the late George Crompton, Sr., with Merrill E. Furbush, established the original fancy loom works in the city of Worcester, a most valuable contribution to the economic life of the city was made, and during the seventy years which have passed since that time, the industries founded by him have been of increasing importance in the life of the city. The service of George Crompton, Sr., was not limited to the city of Worcester, however, for, like his father, he was an inventor, and his improved loom quadrupled production and revolutionized the textile industry.

William Crompton, father of George Crompton, Sr., was born in England, where he became thoroughly acquainted with the textile industry. He came to this country and settled in Taunton, Massachusetts, where in 1836 he invented the first fancy power loom. The power loom invented by Edmund Cartwright in 1785, was a cam motion loom and could be used for weaving plain fabrics only, all fabrics of complicated design were woven on hand looms. The principal improvement in William Crompton's loom was the use of harness motion. In his loom the figure or pattern could be set up on what is known as a chain or series of bars connected by links. On the bars were rollers or pins, placed in such positions that as the chain revolved it lifted, at predetermined intervals, levers, which in turn caused the harnesses to be raised in such order as to produce the required design. The success of this loom was demonstrated in 1840, when the first piece of fancy woolen cloth ever woven by power in the world was woven at the Middlesex Mills on looms equipped with William Crompton's device. William Crompton married Sarah Low, and among their children was George, of further mention.

George Crompton, Sr., son of William and Sarah (Low) Crompton, was born at Holcombe, near Bury, Lancashire, England, March 23, 1829, and died in Worcester, Massachusetts, December 29, 1886. He came to Taunton, Massachusetts, with his parents in 1839, and was educated in the public schools of Taunton and Worcester. He also attended Millbury Academy. On completion of his schooling he worked in his father's office and later was connected with the Colt Pistol Factory, in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1851, having by a personal visit to Washington secured an extension of his father's patent for seven years, he formed a partnership with Merrill E. Furbush, and this new firm began the manufacture of looms in the Merrifield Building, in Worcester. The first looms built by this concern were like the looms made by those who manufactured under licenses granted by William Crompton. They were narrow looms and ran at a speed of forty-five picks per minute, that is, each minute forty-five weft or cross

threads of the fabric were woven. In 1857 George Crompton, Sr., constructed and patented an improved loom nearly double the width of the old loom, and demonstrated that this new loom could be run at the then extraordinary speed of eighty-five picks per minute, thus quadrupling the production, for both the width and speed of the loom had been doubled. This was a great improvement. No improvement before or since has so increased the production. Moreover, this loom was the first fancy loom made in the general form and proportions which have since proved, by experience, to be the most satisfactory. Shown at the great Paris Exposition of 1867, this machine, in competition with the products of the best textile machine manufacturers of England, Germany, France, and Belgium, was awarded the only medal. Its proportions and principal mechanisms were from that time to a considerable extent adopted by most European manufacturers.

On August 1, 1859, the firm of Furbush & Crompton was dissolved, with the understanding that the territory covered by the patents owned by the firm should be divided, Mr. Crompton to hold the New England States with New York, Mr. Furbush to have all the rest of the territory of the United States. Mr. Crompton continued manufacturing looms, bought the Red Mill property, and in 1860 erected a new building with room to expand up to sixty hands. During 1861-65 he added to his line of manufacture, tools for making gun stocks, but after the Civil War curtailed the production of guns he again directed his energies to building weaving machinery. He took out over one hundred patents for improvements on looms and for devices outside of his own business. In 1876 he won a medal by exhibiting his improved loom at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. In the late seventies he introduced the Keighley Dobby to the American manufacturer, and in association with Horace Wyman, improved this harness motion, simplifying it and changing its position from the centre of the arch, as on English looms, to the end of the arch. Also in association with Mr. Wyman he invented and improved the Crompton gingham loom, now the standard gingham loom in the country. Few men have accomplished more important and useful work for mankind than George Crompton, Sr. At his death, the Crompton Loom Works employed nearly 1,000 men.

Not only was George Crompton, Sr., deeply concerned in his own private affairs, but he also reached out and aided in Worcester's development. He was the founder and president of the Crompton Carpet Company, the predecessor of the Whittall Mills, now one of the largest carpet mills in this country, and one of Worcester's foremost industries. He was for many years a director of the Worcester National Bank, also director of Worcester General Freight Company, and was one of the founders and directors of the Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Company. In public affairs he always stood for progress and good government. In 1863 and 1864 he was an Alderman of the city, and in 1871 he was Republican candidate for the office of Mayor. He was chairman of the Soldiers' Monument Committee, and it was largely through his efforts that Randolph Rogers was secured as the designer of this monument. At its dedication, July 15, 1874, he made the presentation speech.

At the time of Mr. Crompton's death the Worcester "Spy" said:

George Crompton was one of the foremost of Worcester manufacturers. He came of a race of mechanics and inventors, and was as ingenious and successful as any of them. His sagacity as a man of business was as remarkable as his mechanical faculty, and his uprightness and fidelity to his engagements were not less conspicuous traits of his character. He had not much time for public affairs, but he was for some years an active and useful member of the board of aldermen, and in other ways his influence was distinctly felt in the business of the city. But in general, his life was that of a private citizen, active and strenuous in business, having not many intimate friends beyond his home circle, but enjoying domestic pleasures with a keen zest and having a cultivated taste for art in all its forms. He will be sadly missed in the business circles of Worcester, and as to his family his death is an exceedingly sore blow.

George Crompton, Sr., married, January 9, 1853, Mary Christina Pratt, daughter of Charles Pratt, of Hartford, Connecticut. They were the parents of nine children: Isabel M., Cora E., Stella S., Georgietta F., married Albert D. Wood; Mary K., Charles, Mildred M., married Harry W. Smith; George, whose sketch follows; and Randolph.

GEORGE CROMPTON—The name Crompton has been identified with the industrial and civic life of the city of Worcester for nearly three-quarters of a century, and during that time has stood for progress. It was Mr. Crompton's father, the late George Crompton, Sr., a sketch of whom precedes, who in 1851 established the first fancy loom business in this country with Merrill E. Furbush, in Worcester, which has since been such an important element in the development of the city.

George Crompton, son of George, Sr., and Mary Christina (Pratt) Crompton, was born in Worcester, June 7, 1872. After attending private schools in Worcester, he prepared for college at the Worcester Academy, from which he graduated in 1891, and then entered Harvard College in the fall of the same year, graduating in 1895. Shortly after his graduation he entered the employ of the Crompton Loom Works, of which he had been for several years a director, and in 1896 he was elected president and treasurer of the Crompton Associates, a real estate corporation. In 1897, upon the formation of the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works, he was elected treasurer and a director of the corporation, from which positions he resigned in the fall of 1900, when the Crompton interest in the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works was sold. In May, 1903, he entered into a partnership with Edward D. Thayer, William B. Scofield, and his brother, Randolph Crompton, and under the name of the Crompton-Thayer Loom Company this partnership began the manufacture of looms. In 1907 the Crompton-Thayer Loom Company was sold to the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works, and Mr. Crompton again became a director of the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works. In 1912, upon the consolidation of the F. E. Reed Company and Prentice Brothers' Company, both manufacturers of machine tools, into the Reed-Prentice Company, Mr. Crompton was elected a treasurer and director of the new corporation. He resigned from this position on January 1, 1916. Mr. Crompton is a director of the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works, the Merchants' National Bank, the Worcester Gas Light Company, and a trustee and

member of the board of investment of the People's Savings Bank. He is vice-president of the board of trustees of St. Vincent's Hospital, a member of the board of trustees of Worcester Academy; a corporator of the Clarks School for the Deaf, Northampton, Massachusetts; vice-president of Worcester Welfare Federation; vice-president of the Associated Charities of Worcester; a member of the Commission of Public Welfare of the State of Massachusetts; and trustee of Rural Cemetery. He is well known in club circles, being a member of the Worcester Club; Tatnuck Country Club; the Worcester Country Club, of Worcester, Massachusetts; the Union and Harvard clubs, of Boston, Massachusetts; the Harvard Club, of New York; and the Pocasset Golf Club, Pocasset, Massachusetts. Politically he gives his support to the Republican party, and his religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Crompton married Alice Hastings, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William H. H. Hastings, of Boston, April 11, 1896. He has two sons: 1. George, Jr., born May 7, 1897, holds the rank of lieutenant, senior grade, in the United States Naval forces. He married Nancy Earle Smith, daughter of the late Frank Bulkeley, of Worcester, and Nancy (Hackett) Smith, and they are the parents of a son George (3), born March 14, 1921; and a daughter, Nancy Earle, who was born July 3, 1922. 2. David Hastings born February 6, 1909.

ROMEO E. ALLEN—Along those lines of endeavor and general advance which count most definitely and practically for the general welfare, Romeo E. Allen has for many years been active, and in his professional capacity as civil engineer, he has done much work, the permanence of which will extend his usefulness far into the future. A native of the town of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, Mr. Allen is a son of Henry E. W. and Cynthia B. (Whitney) Allen, for many years residents of this community and both members of old and honored families of New England. Mr. Allen now occupies the old homestead settled by Elnathan Allen in 1725. The descent is through his son Elnathan, Jr., who fought in the Revolution, and his son, Israel Allen, his son, Liberty Allen, who was born in 1776, just as the Declaration of Independence was signed, and was therefore named Liberty. His son, Henry E. W. Allen, was the father of our subject.

Romeo E. Allen was born in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, October 17, 1852. His education was begun in the local public schools, and after the completion of the high school course, Mr. Allen secured employment under Charles A. Allen, a noted civil engineer of the city of Worcester. He served an apprenticeship covering a period of three years (1872-1875); then deciding that he wished to identify himself permanently with the progress of his native place, he returned to Shrewsbury, where he has since been professionally active. In this period of nearly half a century Mr. Allen has handled many important commissions not only in this immediate section, but in many parts of his native State and more distant points in New England. He holds a very eminent position in engineering circles in New England.

A staunch Republican by political affiliation since attaining his majority, Mr. Allen has served the town of Shrewsbury in various official capacities. He was active



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as a Selectman for several years, for fourteen years was Town Auditor, and acted as moderator for a full quarter of a century. In 1895 he represented the town of Shrewsbury in the Massachusetts Legislature, and his usefulness and distinguished service brought about his return to that body in 1898. His broad familiarity with business conditions and his excellent judgment on all current affairs made him one of the useful members of the legislative body and gave to his service in an official capacity the usefulness which contributes to the general welfare and prosperity of the commonwealth, as well as to the location in which he was individually interested. In all his services in local town affairs the welfare of the people is his highest consideration, and he has done much to promote local progress and prosperity. Mr. Allen is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of the Patrons of Husbandry. He is a director of the Grafton Coöperative Bank, and interested in all that pertains to the economic progress of the community. Identified with the Congregational church since his youth, he has for thirty-three years been clerk of the parish, and has also for a long period served in the Sunday school as treasurer.

Mr. Allen married Abbie R. Green, daughter of Charles O. and Maria (Abbott) Green, at Shrewsbury, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Charles Edward, born in 1878, who married Helen E. Harlow, daughter of Henry Harlow, their two sons being, Charles E., Jr., born February 11, 1906; and Stuart H., born December 28, 1910. 2. Lee C., a sketch of whom follows:

LEE C. ALLEN—In the engineering world of south Worcester County, Massachusetts, Lee C. Allen is a largely noteworthy figure, his long association with his honored father, Romeo E. Allen, of Shrewsbury, forming one of the really noteworthy partnerships in this field in this part of the State. Trained with special attention to his purpose of entering his present profession, Mr. Allen took up his work with fine personal equipment, and his success followed in an entirely natural way.

Lee C. Allen was born at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, February 21, 1883, and is a son of Romeo E. and Abbie R. (Green) Allen (see preceding sketch). Attending first the local public schools, Mr. Allen covered the high school course, then secured a position in the employ of A. W. Woods, a prominent civil engineer of the city of Worcester, and was active in that connection for a period of eight years. During that time he gained a broadly practical familiarity with the profession, mastering its intricacies and accumulating a large fund of experience. In 1907 Mr. Allen returned to Shrewsbury to become associated as a partner with his father, who had long held a leading position in local engineering affairs. First as his father's associate and assistant and later as a partner of the interest, Lee C. Allen has steadily risen in the profession until now he holds a leading position in the engineering world of Worcester County. He does all the engineering work of the town of Shrewsbury, and is otherwise active in local affairs, having been elected within the past few years to responsible offices. In 1922 he was elected Selectman and was reelected in 1923. In 1923 he was also a member

of the local Board of Health. Mr. Allen is a trustee of Shrewsbury Cemetery, also a trustee of the Howe Memorial Library, and is a prominent member of the Shrewsbury Historical Society. Interested in many phases of public progress, he is identified with the Patrons of Husbandry, and keeps in close touch with the movement of affairs in many fields of advance. His religious connection is with the Congregational church.

Mr. Allen married, at Worcester, May 1, 1907, Alice Carlson, daughter of John and Carolina L. (Swenson) Carlson. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are the parents of three children: Roger E., born in Shrewsbury; Carolyn B., and Howard C., born December 21, 1919.

HON. CHARLES HENRY HARTSHORN—The career of the Hon. Charles Henry Hartshorn is one of remarkable achievement, revealing the tenacity of purpose which overcomes all obstacles and dominates conditions, adverse though they may be. It might almost be said that his private career has been a definite and comprehensive preparation for his public career. Certain it is that in the struggles by which he has achieved success, Mr. Hartshorn has gained a strength of mind and spirit which during his public activities has meant much to the people of Gardner and of the State, Massachusetts. He is a son of Charles Hartshorn, of an old Massachusetts family, who was born in Townsend, Massachusetts, June 6, 1819, and as a young man came to Gardner, where he resided for over fifty years, during the most of which time he was in the employ of Heywood Brothers & Company. At about the time of his coming to Gardner, he married Frances Elizabeth Walker, June 30, 1842, who was born in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and died in Gardner May 14, 1873, at the age of fifty-four years. Charles Hartshorn died January 27, 1895, at the age of seventy-five.

Charles Henry Hartshorn was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, February 11, 1859, and his education was obtained in the local public schools. By nature a student of affairs and conditions, and gifted with an acquisitive and retentive mind, Mr. Hartshorn has gained from every experience in life, knowledge which he has made of value to himself or those with whom he has come in contact. At the age of nineteen years, in 1878, Mr. Hartshorn entered the employ of Heywood Brothers & Company, and continued with this concern for about thirteen years, later establishing in business for himself. He began on a very modest scale, but with good credit and a host of friends. The quality, fine workmanship, and attractive designs of the product soon made a demand for Hartshorn furniture, while the sterling principles upon which the business was conducted so won the trade that not many years passed before larger quarters were required. More employees were added, a variety of new patterns were brought out, and later reed baby carriages, which proved exceedingly popular, became a part of the product of the plant. In 1907 a new four-story building was begun and completed in 1908, and at that time the factory force numbered about thirty people. That building proving utterly inadequate after a few years, additions were made in 1914, 1916, and 1920, and at the present time (1923) the factory contains more than 50,000 square feet of floor space, the product now comprising an extensive

variety of reed and fibre furniture and children's baby carriages. On July 1, 1923, the business was incorporated as C. H. Hartshorn, Incorporated, with Charles H. Hartshorn, president; Stanford H. Hartshorn, treasurer and general manager; and Charles Henry Hartshorn, Jr., clerk.

It would be difficult to point out so definitely the beginning of Mr. Hartshorn's interest in public life, but his progress in the service of the people is readily traced. Offices have sought him, for he had no leisure or inclination to go about seeking them. But when a practical, energetic man is needed in public life, the people have come to look for a busy man. From the time of attaining his majority, Mr. Hartshorn has supported the Republican party, and as early as 1888 he was made chairman of the Republican Town Committee, an office to which he has been repeatedly elected. For six successive years he filled the office of Selectman, two years of which he was chairman of the board, and for nine years he served as a member of the Town Advisory Board, three years of which he was chairman. Perhaps the most remarkable record in the public service is the fact that for twenty-one consecutive years he has been chosen moderator of all regular and special town meetings, every one of the sixty-eight elections to this office being made without opposition. In 1916, by the vote of his fellow-townsmen, Mr. Hartshorn took his seat in the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts, and so praiseworthy has been the record of his work as a legislator that by reëlections he has been retained in the House until the present year, when he was advanced to the higher legislative body as Senator from the Third Worcester District. During the seven years of his service in the House, he was for five years a member of the important Committee on Ways and Means and also served on the Rules Committee. For two years he was active on the Committee on Street Railways, and also was appointed to the Committee on Public Service, of which he was made chairman. Another important committee with which he did commendable work was that on taxation. As a Senator he is showing the same broadly useful qualities which were so conspicuous in the House, and his constituents feel that he is reflecting honor upon them and upon the city of Gardner.

Mr. Hartshorn has been a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce since its organization, and in 1922 was elected president of that body. He is affiliated with the Gardner Trust Company as a member of the board of directors, and is also a director of the American Fibre Corporation of Gardner, and of the Kobert Machine Company, Inc., of Worcester. He is one of the prominent men of Gardner in fraternal circles, being affiliated with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander; Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Boston; Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and William Ellison Lodge, No. 185, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand. He has been an Odd Fellow for forty-two years, and belongs to the encampment and to the

Rebekahs. Mr. Hartshorn also seeks out-of-door interests, and he holds membership in the Gardner Boat Club, the Oak Hill Country Club of Fitchburg, and the Worcester Country Club of Worcester. He is active in religious and charitable work, and an attendant and supporter of the First Congregational Church of Gardner.

Mr. Hartshorn married, on April 25, 1889, Lilian May Sawyer, of Gardner, daughter of James and Mary Ellen (Harding) Sawyer. James Sawyer was a successful chair manufacturer and a direct descendant of Thomas Sawyer, who came from Lincolnshire, England, to this country in 1635, at the age of twenty-one years, and married Mary Prescott. Mary Ellen Harding was a direct descendant of Stephen and Catharine (Iddenden) Hosmer, of Hawkhurst, Kent, England, the date of whose marriage was July 8, 1600. Their son, James Hosmer, came to America in April, 1635.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartshorn are the parents of four children: 1. Stanford Harding, a sketch of whom follows. 2. Dorothy Frances, a graduate of the Gardner High School, Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, and Miss Wheelock's Kindergarten Training School of Boston. She married Clinton J. Underwood, a prominent business man of Gardner, and is an important factor in Gardner's public life. Mrs. Underwood is a leader of the Girl Scout movement, and in 1922 was elected a member of the Gardner School Board. 3. Charles Henry, Jr., now a senior at Dartmouth College, class of 1924. 4. Edward Hosmer, a beautiful little boy of much promise, who was killed in an automobile accident on September 3, 1915, shortly before his fifth birthday.

STANFORD HARDING HARTSHORN, member of an old and honored family of Massachusetts, is now counted among the representative young men of Worcester County. Trained for his career in a leading Massachusetts educational institution, he has gained experience of value in the twelve years since his graduation, and has now for some time been active as general manager of the C. H. Hartshorn plant, in the manufacture of reed furniture and baby carriages.

Stanford Harding Hartshorn was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, February 21, 1890, and is a son of Charles Henry, a sketch of whom precedes this, and Lilian M. (Sawyer) Hartshorn. His education was begun in the public schools, and he was graduated from the Gardner High School in the class of 1907. Later, entering the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in Boston, he was graduated in the class of 1911, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering. For two years following his graduation he was engaged as chemist with the Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket, Maine, the largest independent paper company in the United States. In 1913 he returned to Gardner to become associated with his father in the manufacture of baby carriages and reed furniture, where he soon became general manager, and owing to his ability, energy, and faithfulness, the business has continued to succeed and prosper. On July 1, 1923, the business was incorporated with Charles H. Hartshorn, president; Stanford H. Hartshorn, treasurer and general manager; and Charles Henry Hartshorn, Jr., clerk.

Stanford H. Hartshorn is connected with the Gard-

ner Savings Bank as a trustee, is a director of the Chaiertown Coöperative Bank, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is deeply interested in all that pertains to the progress of the city and to the welfare of the people. A Republican in politics, he has never accepted public honors, but lends his support to all party activities. Fraternally he is affiliated with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander; and of Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Boston; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs are the Gardner Boat Club, of which he is president; the Oak Hill Country Club of Fitchburg; and the Worcester Country Club of Worcester. He and his wife are both members of the First Congregational Church of Gardner.

Stanford H. Hartshorn married, in 1916, Julia Ellen Elizabeth Krantz, of Washington, District of Columbia, a graduate of Emerson College of Oratory, and they are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Ellen.

THOMAS P. LINDSAY—Among the younger men of Worcester County, Massachusetts, who, after actively serving throughout the period of the participation of the United States in the World War, are now devoting their energies to scientific agriculture and stock raising, is Thomas P. Lindsay, who is cultivating a 300-acre farm in Southboro, and is caring for a herd of sixty pure-bred Guernsey cattle. Mr. Lindsay's experience has been a most adventurous and interesting one, and his military record is a distinguished one.

Mr. Lindsay was born in Washington, District of Columbia, April 12, 1881, son of Rev. John S. and Caroline (Smith) Lindsay. For many years he was rector of St. Paul's Church, the present cathedral, and was chairman of the general convention of the Episcopal church. After receiving his early education in the local public schools, he prepared for college in St. Paul's Preparatory School at Concord, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated in 1899. He then became a student in Harvard College, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then taught in a private schools in Boston for two years, and for one year was traveling salesman for a wholesale dry goods house in New York City. He then entered the Law School of Boston University, where he completed his legal studies with graduation in 1910, at which time he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He at once became associated with the law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart, which connection he maintained until the time of the entrance of the United States into the World War. He then, May 1, 1917, handed in his resignation and enlisted for service. He was sent to Plattsburg, New York, where he graduated from the training school with the rank of first lieutenant of infantry, National Army, in August, 1917. He was then assigned to duty at Camp Devens with the 303d Infantry, but later was transferred to act as aide to the commanding general at headquarters. Later, in 1918, he was commissioned captain, and in June of that year he sailed for France. Landing in Liverpool, he went to France, and in July of

the same year was promoted to the rank of major in the regular army and assigned to assist the chief of staff of the 76th Division. After a time he was detached from the 76th Division, and assigned to duty as brigade adjutant of the 156th Brigade in the 88th Division, Second Army Corps, which rank he held until the time of the signing of the armistice, in November, 1918. In December, 1918, he was detailed to special duty at Rome, in command of the guard of honor which accompanied President Wilson during his visit there. In February, 1919, he sailed for home on the "Leviathan," and arrived at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, New Jersey, in February, 1919, from which place he was mustered out of service in March, 1919. Upon his return to civilian life he at once returned to the firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart, with whom he remained until 1920. He then resigned in order to engage in agricultural pursuits. Since that time he has been continuously and successfully engaged in cultivating his 300 acres and in taking care of his splendid herd of pure-bred Guernsey cattle. He plans to make the breeding of pure-bred live stock a special feature of his agricultural enterprise, and has carefully prepared for that field of activity. His success during the more than three years in which he has been devoting his time to agriculture and stock raising gives evidence of a successful and prosperous future. Mr. Lindsay has always been fond of out-of-door life, and his military experience did not mark the beginning of his out-of-door adventures or even of his experience with the German Army. In 1914 he was in Africa collecting specimens for the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, and when the World War began he narrowly escaped capture by the German authorities there. He walked for more than 1,000 miles in order to escape capture, and finally succeeded in making his way back to the United States.

Fraternally, Mr. Lindsay is a member of the Hasty Pudding Club of Harvard College; of the D. K. E. college fraternity; Delphic Club of Cambridge; Somerset Club of Boston; Tennis and Racket Club; New York Harvard Club; Metropolitan Club of Washington; Southboro Golf Club; Framingham Golf Club; also of St. Bernard's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Southboro, Massachusetts; Houghton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Marlboro; and of Southboro Grange. He is a member of the Episcopal church of Southboro.

On July 1, 1905, at York Harbor, Maine, Thomas P. Lindsay married Florence Field, daughter of Henry Field, of Chicago's family of Field, and of Florence (Lathrop) Field, a member of the Alexandria, Virginia, family of Lathrop. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay are the parents of three children, all born at Southboro: Minna, who was born May 27, 1908; Florence, born June 1, 1911; and John, born December 12, 1917.

ELMER A. MacGOWAN—Among the broadly useful and progressive men of Worcester County, Massachusetts, Elmer A. MacGowan holds a position of prominence in the financial world as assistant treasurer of the Worcester County Institute for Savings which is located in the city of Worcester. A native of this city, Mr. MacGowan was reared in its traditions and educated in its institutions, and from the completion of his studies has been active in banking. He is a son of

John and Harriet Augusta (Miller) MacGowan. His father, who was born in Canada, was for many years identified with railroad interests as a stationary engineer, and was thus active until his death, which occurred in 1922. The mother, who was born at South Ryegate, Vermont, died in 1916.

Elmer A. MacGowan was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, March 27, 1881. He covered the elementary and grammar grades in the local schools, and is a graduate of the Worcester High School class of 1901. His first business experience was in the employ of the City National Bank, but he remained with this institution for only a short time, in 1903 becoming identified with the Worcester County Institute for Savings. He was first employed here in the capacity of clerk, but has risen through the various grades to the position which he now holds, as assistant treasurer, winning his way upward entirely on his merit. He is counted among the really substantial men of the day in Worcester County, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of his associates and the business men of the city. Mr. MacGowan is a member of the Exchange Club of Worcester, and is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. MacGowan married, on December 5, 1908, Mabel E. Brissette, who was born in Putnam, Connecticut, and they are the parents of two children: Elmer Allison, Jr., and Barbara.

ALBERT FAY LOWELL, A. B., M. D., F. A. C. S.—A leading physician and surgeon not only of Gardner, but of Worcester County and the State of Massachusetts, Dr. Lowell is doing much for the people of Gardner and vicinity as the senior surgeon of the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital of Gardner, with which he has been connected since its opening in the year 1907. His private practice is very extensive, and he is considered one of the most successful surgeons of the day.

Dr. Lowell comes of an old Vermont family, and is a son of Albert P. Lowell, who was born at Derby Line, Vermont, February 10, 1836, and died in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, August 8, 1911. He was for many years located in Burlington, Vermont, where he was engaged as a building contractor. He married, in Wolcott, Vermont, on May 27, 1867, Alma Whitcher, who was born in Westfield, Vermont, October 30, 1847, and is still living, residing with another son, Dr. Alverne P. Lowell, of Fitchburg.

Albert Fay Lowell was born in Burlington, Vermont, November 5, 1875. His education was begun in the public schools of Burlington, and he is a graduate of the Burlington High School, class of 1894. His choice of a profession early determined, he entered the University of Vermont for the classical course, and was graduated from that institution in 1898, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During the latter years of his academic studies he also attended medical lectures at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, from which institution he eventually received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the year 1900. Upon his graduation, Dr. Lowell did out-patient work in connection with the Boston City Hospital, and also the Children's Hospital of Boston. In October, 1900, he went to Winchenden, Massachusetts, where he served as interne at "The

Highlands," a private sanatorium. He came to Gardner in December, 1901, and has since been located here, carrying forward general practice of medicine and surgery with great success. He was attending surgeon of the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital when that institution was opened to the public, and has continued without interruption as a member of the surgical staff, now being senior attending surgeon, in point of age, in the hospital. Dr. Lowell is also consulting and operating surgeon of the State Colony for the Insane, in Gardner, and consulting surgeon in the Peterboro Hospital, Peterboro, New Hampshire; he stands very high in his profession. He is a member of the American Medical Association; a fellow of the American College of Surgeons; a member of the Medico-Legal Society of Massachusetts; the Massachusetts Medical Society; and the Worcester County North Medical Society. He served on the medical examining board during the World War, and also as a member of the Volunteer Medical Service. A member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Lowell served as associate medical examiner of the Second District of Worcester County, of which Gardner is the centre, from 1910 until his resignation, which took effect in 1921. He is a member of the Greek Letter Academic Society, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and the Delta Mu fraternity (Medical). He is a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of the Gardner Boat Club; and the Gardner Riding and Driving Club; and also of the Levi Heywood Memorial Library Association. He is also a member of the Chair City Lunch Club, and North Worcester County Fish and Game Club.

Dr. Lowell married, on June 2, 1903, Helen Louise Cann, daughter of George Wade and Ella V. (Derby) Cann. George Wade Cann was a prominent attorney and counsellor-at-law, a member of the New York and Massachusetts State bars, but in his later years was identified with the chair manufacturing of P. Derby & Company, and acted as the New York representative of this internationally famous concern. Philander Derby, the founder of this concern was Mrs. Lowell's grandfather, and was one of the pioneer chair manufacturers of Gardner. Dr. and Mrs. Lowell are the parents of three children, of whom two are living: Sidney Cann, and Alberta, both of whom are students in the Gardner High School.

Mrs. Lowell is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, through Richard Sanger, the sixth generation removed on the paternal side, who served in the Second Provincial Congress from Sherborn, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. This Congress convened February 1, 1775, and Richard Sanger was made a member of the committee. Mrs. Lowell holds her membership also through Josiah Jackson, a maternal ancestor, five times removed, who served as a sergeant under Colonel Bridges in the Worcester County Militia, at East Hoosick, New York, and as a private in Colonel John Whitcomb's company. Mrs. Lowell is very active in many branches of civic, benevolent, and welfare work. She is a charter member and was the first president of the Gardner Women's Club; is a trustee of the Levi Heywood Memorial Library; and for two and a half years served on the Gardner School Committee.



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She is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. During the World War Mrs. Lowell was active on the executive board of the Gardner Chapter of the American Red Cross, to which she was elected shortly after the intervention of the United States in European affairs, and served until November, 1922. Dr. and Mrs. Lowell are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

CHARLES HUNT TYLER—A career like that of Mr. Tyler is an inspiration to every thoughtful man, for in his breadth of usefulness both as a business man and a citizen, he gave to his day and generation the countless daily services which make up the sum of human happiness. Added to these his honorable record as a soldier of the Civil War places his name among those of the heroes of his country and completes the history of a worthy and honored life. Mr. Tyler was a man of the people, who rose to a position of success and influence entirely through his own efforts. One of a family of thirteen children, he was a son of J. Warren Tyler, who was born at Hinsdale, New Hampshire, and was a school teacher by occupation. Teaching in the district schools of Chesterfield and Hinsdale, in his native State, he was a man of lofty ideals and forward-looking spirit, although perhaps somewhat lacking in those practical gifts which are so necessary to the accumulation of personal wealth. He instilled into his pupils lessons of honor and right purposes together with the three "Rs" and a due respect for Webster's rules of spelling. J. Warren Tyler married Eleanor Thomas, of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and both are now long since deceased.

Charles Hunt Tyler was born at Hinsdale, New Hampshire, December 19, 1838, and died in Athol, Massachusetts. His education was begun in the district primary schools of his birthplace and completed at the grammar schools of Athol, when he was assisting his elder brother in the latter's grocery store. When still a child Mr. Tyler became a member of his brother's household in Athol. This brother, Pitts Tyler, owned and managed a grocery store on Main Street, which had formerly been conducted as a union store many members of the community holding ownership. Pitts Tyler bought up the various shares as he was able, eventually becoming sole owner of the interest. Charles H. Tyler worked for his brother until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the 53d Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, and served throughout his enlistment. During his absence in the army Pitts Tyler sold his Athol store and going to Royalston, Massachusetts, opened a similar enterprise there, but the venture proved less profitable than he had anticipated. Upon receiving his honorable discharge from the service of his country, Charles H. Tyler returned to Massachusetts and joined his brother in Royalston. Shortly thereafter both returned to Athol permanently, the elder brother again purchasing the store which he had formerly owned. Eventually the younger brother bought the store from him and Pitts Tyler retired. Charles H. Tyler remained at the head of the enterprise for a quarter of a century, when ill health compelled him to retire. Meanwhile, Mr. Tyler had received his son, E. Warren Tyler, into partnership, and for a number of years the

latter carried forward the interest, which was finally sold to A. H. Bowker.

During all these years Charles H. Tyler had practiced thrift, and with the energy and business ability which he had given to his activities along mercantile lines, he became a prosperous man. His great faith in the future of Athol as a business and residential center led him to invest heavily in real estate in this community. Frequently buying and selling, constantly improving the property which he held, Mr. Tyler did much, not only for his own profit, but for the upbuilding and advance of the town, and through his willingness to extend to them the opportunity, many working people of this section became the owners of homes. His real estate interests comprised his entire activity after retiring from his store, but his health failed steadily, and for some time before his demise he was confined to the house. Mr. Tyler was also prominent in the public life of the community, and by political affiliation was a staunch Republican. Always standing for all that contributes to the welfare of the community, feeling the interest of the people to be the paramount consideration in all advance, Mr. Tyler gave to the community of his best and among those who remember him, his genial spirit and kindly face are recalled as a benediction. Fond of social activity, he made countless friends, but never cared to assume a position of leadership or command in any circle or in working for any cause. He was one of the finest examples of the self-made American, capable, always alert to progressive effort, always sharing in any good work. He was very prominent in the Masonic order, being a member of all bodies, and one of the best loved men in his local lodge and chapter. His years of ill health necessarily segregated him from extensive social or fraternal activities during the latter part of his life, and then his chief recreations were euchre and whist, with a few close friends. He was a member of the Poquaug Club of Athol, and his religious convictions were those of the Unitarian. He supported this church generously, as he did all Christian work, but was not actively affiliated with it.

Mr. Tyler married Sarah A. Cook, who was born at Royalston, Massachusetts, and resided there until twenty years of age, Mr. Tyler is a daughter of Caleb A. and Susan (Herrick) Cook, of Royalston, Massachusetts. Mr. Cook was a jeweler of Royalston and, deciding to change his place of business and residence, came to Athol where he continued in the same line of mercantile endeavor, only on a much larger scale. He became one of the most prominent jewelers of this section and, spending the remainder of his life time in this community, was a leader in many lines of community advance until his death, which occurred in Athol, April 13, 1888. His wife died in Athol, in April, 1882.

E. Warren Tyler, son of Charles Hunt and Sarah A. (Cook) Tyler, was born at Athol, Massachusetts, February 19, 1874. His education was begun in the local public schools and following his completion of the grammar course he entered Worcester Business College, at Worcester, Massachusetts. Only sixteen years of age when his father died, Mr. Tyler nevertheless took over the responsibility of his father's business, which he conducted for several years. His interests however, followed other lines of advance, and settling the estate,

he associated himself with the world of finance in Athol. He has now for many years been identified with the Athol National Bank, of which in the year 1919 he was elected president, still ably serving in this largely responsible office. Mr. Tyler is deeply interested in agricultural advance, and owns a fine farm and apple orchard in Phillipston, Massachusetts, where his leisure time is principally spent. He is one of the largely progressive men of Athol, and a leader in all that makes for the welfare of the people and the progress of the community. He married Bertha Matthews, of Westboro, Massachusetts, and they have three children: Elinor, Rachel, and Robert.

WILLIAM GARDINER LORD—Even as a young man Mr. Lord engaged in duties devolving upon a public official, because of the illness of his father, and later in life served his community in various capacities. He is well known as a real estate broker, financier, and fraternity member in Athol, Massachusetts, where he resides. He is a son of Gardiner and Mary (Barker) Lord. His father was born in Athol, February 26, 1824, and died there November 1, 1899. For many years he had been a boot manufacturer, but later devoted his time to public office as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, Deputy Sheriff for thirty years, Highway Commissioner, and member of the Board of Assessors.

William Gardiner Lord was born at Athol, Massachusetts, September 7, 1871, and there attended the public schools, being graduated as class president and with class honors in 1888. It had been his purpose to pursue a college course however, but this was denied him on account of his father's illness, which necessitated the young man's attention to public duties. Until the father died, William G. was not free to follow his own course. From 1897 to 1900 he was associated with E. V. Wilson, an attorney. In 1900 he took a trip to Europe, and upon his return to Athol started a real estate brokerage business, which is still his vocation. He also is president of the Athol Coöperative Bank, and vice-president of the Athol National Bank.

Mr. Lord has served as Town Moderator for the past twenty years; Overseer of the Poor for four years, 1907 to 1911; and as member of the Legislature from 1917 to 1919. During the World War he was active on the Public Safety Committee and in all of the Liberty Loan drives, serving as a "four-minute" speaker. He was a member of the Legal Advisory Board, and is prominent as a Mason, being a member in that order of all bodies except the council, holding the thirty-second degree, and is a member of the Shrine. He also affiliates with the local Knights of Pythias and stands second in line for the high office of Grand Chancellor for the State of Massachusetts. He is a member of the Poquaig Club, and in religion is a Baptist, having been treasurer of the Baptist church in Athol for nineteen years.

CHARLES W. GATES—For over a century and a half that branch of the Gates family to which Charles W. Gates (present owner of the pleasant homestead known as "The Elms") belongs, has been identified with the community life of Petersham, Massachusetts. The Gates family is an old one in this country, and in England dates back for nine generations, Stephen Gates,

the immigrant ancestor being in the tenth generation in the English line from Thomas Gates of Higheaster and Thursteubie, Essex County, England, the line being traced through William; his son, Geoffrey, who married Agnes Baldington, daughter of Sir Thomas Baldington, of County Oxford, England; their son, William, who married Mabel Capdow, daughter and heiress of Thomas Fleming, of Essex, England; their son, Geoffrey, who married Elizabeth Clapton, daughter of Sir William Clapton, Knight of Kentwell, Sussex, England; their son, Geoffrey, of Higheaster, England, who married ——— Pascall, of Essex; their son, Geoffrey, who married Joan Wentworth; their son, Peter, of London, England, who married Mary Josselyn; their son, Thomas, of Norwich, Norfolk County, who became the father of the immigrant ancestor. The Gates families of Semer, Yorkshire, and Essex, England, were entitled to bear the following arms:

Arms—Per pale, gules and azure, three lions rampant gardant or.

Crest—A demi-lion rampant gardant or.

These are recorded in the visitations of York in 1584 and 1665, but records of the original grant have not yet been found.

(I.) Stephen Gates, son of Thomas Gates, of Norwich, Norfolk County, mentioned above, and immigrant ancestor of the branches of the Gates family, to which Charles W. Gates belongs, came from Hingham, England, in the ship "Diligent," of Ipswich, in 1638, accompanied by his wife, Ann (Hill) Gates, and two children. He settled first at Hingham, Massachusetts, and then removed to Lancaster, subsequently becoming a resident of Cambridge, where he died in 1662. His will was dated June 9, 1662, and proved October 1, 1662, and bequeathed to his son, Stephen, the home and lot in Lancaster, and to the wife and son, Simon, the home in Cambridge, the son Thomas to remain with them at pleasure. The widow, Ann, later married Richard Woodward, of Watertown, Massachusetts, but after the death of the latter, February 16, 1665, she resumed the name Gates. Children of Stephen and Ann (Hill) Gates were: Elizabeth, Mary, Stephen, Thomas, Simon, of further mention; Isaac, and Rebecca.

(II.) Simon Gates, son of Stephen and Ann (Hill) Gates, was born in 1645, and died April 21, 1695, at Brockton, Massachusetts. He resided first on the home estate at Cambridge, but later removed to Lancaster, and finally to Muddy River, (now Brookline) Massachusetts. He married Margaret ———, and they were the parents of eight children: Abigail, born August 14, 1671, died in 1776; Simon, born September 1, 1673, died January 2, 1675-6; Simon, born January 5, 1675-6, of further mention; George, born April 6, 1678, died May 23, 1679; Amos, born 1681, married, May 19, 1703, Hannah Oldham; Jonathan, born June 22, 1683, married Persis Sheppard; Samuel, born August 11, 1685; and Margaret born August 13, 1689, married James How.

(III.) Simon Gates, son of Simon and Margaret Gates, was born January 5, 1676, and died March 10, 1735. He married in the year 1710, Sarah Wood, daughter of John and Lydia Wood, of Marlboro, Massachusetts. They settled in Marlboro, where she died in 1751. Children: 1. Simon, born December 11, 1710, died April 11, 1777; married Sarah How. 2. Sarah, born October 15,

1712, died at Hubbardston; married, February 3, 1736, Ephraim Church, of Rutland. 3. Susannah, born December 19, 1714; married Captain John Phelps, of Rutland. 4. Stephen, born August 20, 1718, died October 5, 1773; married, February 4, 1742-3, Damaris How, and resided at Rutland. 5. Solomon, born May 14, 1721, died March 2, 1761, at Worcester; married Mary Clark. 6. Samuel, of further mention. 7. Silas, born February 3, 1727, died August 25, 1793; married, May 9, 1754, Elizabeth Bragg. 8. John, born January 27, 1729, died young.

(IV.) Samuel Gates, son of Simon and Sarah (Wood) Gates, was born February 28, 1722, and died at Petersham, Massachusetts. He married Caroline How. Samuel Gates was the first of the family in Petersham and is said to have bought lands of the Indians and thus avoided trouble with them. He had his grant also as proprietor of the town, and part of the original homestead is owned and occupied by Charles W. Gates, a lineal descendant, having remained in the family from the first settlement with the exception of two years. Samuel Gates, of Rutland, Massachusetts, responded to the Lexington alarm and served six days. In 1777 he is credited with service as a private in Captain Jonathan Gates' company. In 1778 Samuel Gates was corporal in Captain Harrington's company and in Captain Munroe's Company in Rhode Island. Some of this service may belong to Samuel Gates of Rutland, whose son, Samuel Gates, Jr., was also in the Revolution. Children: 1. John, of further mention. 2. Solomon, born October 4, 1761, died January 21, 1847; married, June 6, 1789, Esther Whitney, who was born December 10, 1769, and died August 16, 1848. He was a soldier in the Revolution. 3. Samuel, born in 1766, at Petersham, died there in 1822. He married Hannah Dike in 1789. 4. Susannah, married, September 8, 1788, Samuel McNear, and had one child, Lewis McNear, born in 1792, and died in 1858. 5. Polly, born October 30, 1773, died March 20, 1848. She married, October 22, 1795, Samuel Henry, of Rutland. 6. Caroline, born December 25, 1774; died in March, 1854. She married Joel Ballou, at Petersham. 7. Oliver Cromwell, born 1776, at Petersham, died there in 1841, married Mary How, November 31, 1805, who was born in 1776, and died in 1841.

(V.) John Gates, son of Samuel and Caroline (How) Gates, was born October 7, 1759, at Petersham, Massachusetts, and died there November 23, 1824. He married, July 11, 1806, Betsey Gleason, of Barre (intentions dated June 1). She was born March 5, 1780, daughter of John and Ruth (White) Gleason, who were married on April 5, 1771, at Petersham; she died at Petersham October 8, 1835. He was a soldier of the Revolution, a private in Captain Jonathan Gates' Company from December 15, 1776, to March 1, 1777; sergeant in the same company, serving at Saratoga at the surrender of Burgoyne; in 1778 was a corporal in the guard at Rutland, Major Read, commanding, and is credited with six months' service. Children, all born at Petersham: 1. Samuel, born May 3, 1807, died there February 17, 1810. 2. Charles, of further mention. 3. Samuel Flint, born in 1811, died July 23, 1812. 4. Harriet, born August 18, 1813, died January 4, 1894; married (first) Thomas E. Winchester; married (second), June 17, 1856, Joseph W. Upton. 5. Elizabeth, born March 3,

1822, died March 8, 1882; married, September 10, 1850, P. Ames Fobes, of Oakham, Massachusetts. Their son, Charles Ames Fobes, was born May 12, 1859, at Marion, Iowa, and died at Kingston, Jamaica, March 11, 1905. He and his parents are buried in the West Cemetery, Oakham, Massachusetts. A bequest in his will gave \$4,000 to the town of Petersham, Massachusetts, in memory of his mother. This money was used toward building the schoolhouse in the centre in 1906. The same amount was bequeathed to Oakham, Massachusetts, in memory of his father, for a public library.

(VI.) Charles Gates, son of John and Betsey (Gleason) Gates, was born at Petersham, Massachusetts, November 5, 1808, and died April 4, 1872. He was educated in the public schools of Petersham, and lived on the farm inherited from his father. He was also engaged for many years in the palm leaf business. At first palm leaf hats were made and wagons sent with the stock to farm houses in all the surrounding towns, giving employment to hundreds of women and children in their homes. Later he manufactured shaker hoods. The "webs" and "binds" for the hoods were woven and knotted braid made by the busy fingers of the housewives, then taken to the shop at Petersham, where they were made into shaker hoods. The finished goods were shipped to Boston and New York. The palm leaf was bought in crude form and was split and dyed by Mr. Gates in his shop. He was an expert in the dyeing of palm leaf and did considerable business in dyeing for other manufacturers. The colors most in vogue were black and green, Mr. Gates being one of the first to color palm leaf green successfully. The business for a short time was conducted by the firm of Gates & Tower, but mostly under his own name. It was financially successful and was conducted from 1850 until 1866. From 1864 to 1866 he had a grocery store in Petersham. In 1867 and 1868 he had a hardware store in Athol, conducted under the firm name of Charles Gates & Company. The firm manufactured tinware of various kinds, and sent the familiar old tin peddler's carts about the country selling the goods in exchange for paper, rags, etc. He removed the tinware business to Petersham. He continued all the time to live on the homestead at Petersham, and managed it in addition to his other business interests.

In politics Mr. Gates was a Whig until that party went to pieces, when he became a Republican. Although interested always in town affairs, he preferred not to hold office himself. He was on the School Committee in District No. 4 for some years. In religion he was a Universalist, and an active member of the church. When visiting clergymen came to Petersham, they were entertained at his house, and the visits of such eminent men as Rev. Hosea Ballou and Rev. Sylvanus Cobb are still remembered by the older citizens. Mr. Gates was of a genial, pleasant disposition. In business he was strictly honest and honorable, and was shrewd and successful in making money, but too generous and trustful in the honor of others to save his money.

He married (first) Mercy T. White, May 31, 1832, who died at Petersham, June 25, 1834, aged twenty-five years. He married (second), March 7, 1836, Mary Ann Tower, who was born August 11, 1812, and died March 28, 1895, daughter of Jonas, who was born March 8,

1768, and Fanny (Parmenter) Tower, who were married February 16, 1792, at Petersham. To the first marriage one child, Alfred White, was born, June 5, 1834, died October 22, 1871, at East Saginaw, Michigan; married Mary Gleason, of Munson, Massachusetts; had a general store at Belchertown, Massachusetts; later in the hotel and livery stable business at Enfield, Massachusetts; afterward at East Saginaw, Michigan, where he conducted a large livery stable and stage business. Children born at East Saginaw: Mildred, born August 28, 1861, married, March 1, 1886, Eugene F. Sanborn, and resides in Los Angeles, California. Charles Alfred, born October 6, 1868, married, June 15, 1892, Edith M. Van Alstine, of West Bay City, Michigan, now living in Dallas, Texas; vice-president of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company. Children of Charles and Mary Ann (Tower) Gates, all born in Petersham: 1. Marcia Jane, born February 3, 1837, married, July 18, 1860, Edward F. Clark, died February 8, 1923, while on a visit to Worcester. 2. Mary Josephine, born February 22, 1839, married, December 19, 1865, Sextus P. Goddard, of Petersham; she died September 17, 1878, at Petersham. Children: i. Sextus Elwin Goddard, born October 11, 1867, died at Petersham, March 9, 1876. ii. Mary Emily Goddard, born March 3, 1869, died at Petersham, September 24, 1869. iii. Malcolm Rupert Goddard, born June 29, 1871, died January 19, 1873, at Worcester. iv. Mabel Josephine Goddard, born May 1, 1873, at Worcester. v. Alice May Goddard, born January 20, 1875, at Petersham. vi. Willie Goddard, born July 7, 1877, died August 23, 1877. 3. Ella Frances, born April 14, 1841, died February 20, 1871. 4. John Tower, born September 20, 1843, married, September 20, 1864, Henrietta E. Buxton, he died February 21, 1870. Children: i. Ernest, born April 9, 1866, died at Petersham, August 13, 1867. ii. Edith M., born October 2, 1867, at Athol, Massachusetts, is now residing at West Boylston. John Tower Gates was in business with his father. 5. Elizabeth Louisa, born April 20, 1850, died December 28, 1873. 6. Charles William, of further mention.

(VII.) Charles William Gates, son of Charles and Mary Ann (Tower) Gates, was born in Petersham, Massachusetts, October 20, 1855, and received his education in the public schools of his native town, with which his ancestors have been identified for the past four generations. He owns and occupies the Gates farm, known as "The Elms," in the east part of Petersham, and has throughout the period of his mature life taken an active interest in the affairs of that community. The high standards of citizenship and service which are traditional in the Gates family have been most faithfully maintained by Mr. Gates. He was one of the coöperators in the project which resulted in the building of the Petersham Library, and though never an active figure, he has most efficiently and faithfully borne his share of the burden of public office. For twenty-six years he has served as Town Tax Collector, his first appointment being received in 1890, and since 1904 he has held that office continuously. In 1915 he was appointed Town Treasurer, which important office he has continued to hold to the present time. Politically he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. During the World War he was active

in raising money for the Red Cross and for the success of the Liberty Loan drives, and there have been few movements for progress in Petersham during the last forty years in which Mr. Gates has not been one of the supporters. He is a member of the Grange of Petersham, which he has served both as assistant steward and as steward, and he is also a member of the Petersham Historical Society. He is an attendant of the Orthodox Congregational Church, which organization he has served for many years as treasurer and collector and as a member of the board of trustees.

Charles W. Gates married, in Worcester, Massachusetts, December 12, 1901, Sarah E. Buckminster, of Worcester, Massachusetts, a graduate of the Mt. Sinai Training School for Nurses, New York City, and daughter of Miles S. and Emily E. (Buxton) Buckminster, the latter of whom was born in South Royalston, March 12, 1840. Miles S. Buckminster was born in Roxbury, New Hampshire, July 22, 1817, and was among those who crossed the continent in 1849 with the hope of quickly gaining wealth in the gold fields. In 1855 he settled in Keene, New Hampshire, where he lived during the remainder of his life and where he died March 24, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Gates have no children.

CHESTER PAGE PEARSON—With the accession of dignity which came to Gardner, Massachusetts, as a civic center on January 1, 1923, the name of Chester Page Pearson was honored by the people, Mr. Pearson having been elected first Mayor of the city of Gardner. Mr. Pearson has for many years stood among the foremost men of the day not only in Gardner, but in other cities of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont, where he has important mercantile interests.

The Pearson family has long been established in Vermont, and Samuel Howe Pearson, Mr. Pearson's father, was born in Albany, Vermont, later, with his parents, going to Coventry, Vermont, where he was a prominent farmer throughout his lifetime, and a leading figure in local political affairs, also participating in the legislative business of the State as Representative from his district. He was a man of broad interests and the highest integrity, esteemed by all who knew him. The mother, Sarah (Gray) Pearson, was born in Coventry, Vermont, and both are now deceased.

Chester Page Pearson was born at Coventry, Vermont, July 4, 1873. His education was begun in the district schools of his birthplace, and was continued at Craftsbury Academy. After teaching school for two terms, he entered Becker's Business College of Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in the class of 1894. His early business experience was in the capacity of clerk, in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, at their Worcester freight office, but a short time thereafter he became cashier for the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, at their Worcester office. Mr. Pearson then became identified with the general line of activity in which he has since won wide renown as well as large success—the dry goods business. He began as a clerk in the store of Goodnow Brothers & Company, at East Jaffrey, New Hampshire, where he filled this subordinate position for four years. Then on August 2, 1899, Mr. Pearson was



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received into partnership with Walter L. Goodnow, of East Jaffrey, New Hampshire, and Windsor H. Goodnow of Keene, New Hampshire. As a member of this mercantile organization Mr. Pearson came to Gardner to establish a store in this community before the close of that year. He founded the interest on a small scale, first employing only one clerk, but under his efficient and progressive management has developed one of the largest and most important department stores of any in a city of similar size in the State of Massachusetts. The concern now employs here as many as 112 clerks, and their trade is drawn from many of the surrounding towns and villages as well as from the city of Gardner itself. The Goodnow-Pearson organization has widened and grown, becoming established in several other New England cities and towns, until now Mr. Pearson is president of the Goodnow-Pearson Company, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts; president of the Goodnow-Pearson-Orton Company of Athol, Massachusetts; vice-president of the Goodnow-Hunt-Pearson Company of Nashua, New Hampshire; vice-president of Goodnow-Hunt-Pearson, Incorporated, of Laconia, New Hampshire; and is a partner of Goodnow, Pearson & Hunt of Brattleboro, Vermont; also Goodnow, Jewett & Bishop of Bellows Falls, Vermont. All the above organizations are leading department stores of the various communities in which they are located, and Mr. Pearson's associates in these enterprises are men of high calibre, progressive, forward-looking executives who are bearing a constructive part in the business advance of the day. Mr. Pearson's interests center in Gardner, and his most recent enterprise is the floating of a project which will mean much to the city as a business center. This is the Gardner Hotel Company, of which Mr. Pearson is president, which has raised \$300,000 for the erection of a modern hotel in this city, which will adequately entertain the traveling public and add to the importance of the city as a business and residential center. Mr. Pearson is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Gardner, and also of the Chaiertown Coöperative Bank.

Holding this broad significance to the business world of Gardner, it was but natural that Mr. Pearson should be brought forward into public service, and for some years he has been a member of the Advisory Board of the town of Gardner, during 1920-21-22 serving as chairman of the board. On December 5, 1922, Mr. Pearson had the honor of being chosen as chief executive of the city of Gardner, and he took up the duties of this high office on January 1, 1923, when the new form of government went into effect. In emerging from the comparative obscurity of the town to the broader responsibilities of the municipal form of government, the people of Gardner took a step which they looked upon as a civic duty, and in their choice of the executive who was to lead them out into the untried experience, they turned to one in whom they felt the utmost confidence. Few men of Gardner are better known to the people—few are more closely in touch with the leaders of commercial and industrial activity, and none hold more fully the confidence and esteem of all. The new era opened auspiciously, and with the cordial coöperation of the people Mr. Pearson is going forward with the best interests of the municipality at heart, its ever higher stand-

ing among the cities of New England his unfaltering purpose. In his more personal interests Mr. Pearson is broadly in touch with fraternal affairs. He is a member of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Gardner; of Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 146, Knights Templar; and Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Boston; also of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Boston. He is a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and William Ellison Lodge, No. 185, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Well known socially, he is a member of the Ridgely Club of Gardner, is president of the Gardner Boat Club, a member of the Gardner Luncheon Club, and of the Worcester Country Club and the Oak Hill Country Club of Fitchburg. In benevolent and charitable activities he always bears a part, and since its organization has been chairman of the Home Service Committee of the Gardner Red Cross.

Mr. Pearson married, on November 1, 1899, Fanny Holmes Kittredge, of East Jaffrey, New Hampshire, and they have three children: Alfred Kittredge, graduate of Phillips-Andover Academy, now in his sophomore year at Yale University; Norman Holmes, now in the seventh grade of the Gardner public schools; and Eleanor, in the fourth grade.

FREDERIC CARLETON NICHOLS—For many generations the Nichols family has exemplified in New England that type of energetic, intelligent citizenship that leads in national growth and progress. This review considers in particular a son of the eighth generation, a banker of Fitchburg, the city of his birth, and a descendant of William Nichols, one of the several men of the name who came to New England and New Amsterdam in the first half of the seventeenth century.

(I.) William Nichols, born about 1599, was living in Salem, Massachusetts, as early as 1637. In 1651 he bought land in Topsfield, Massachusetts, where he resided until his passing in 1695. His will dated February 17, 1693, made provisions for his wife, Mary, and children.

(II.) John Nichols, only son of William and Mary Nichols, was born about 1640 and was a resident of Topsfield until his death in 1700. He married Lydia ———, who bore him nine children.

(III.) Thomas Nichols, son of John and Lydia Nichols, was born in Topsfield, January 20, 1669. He married, in Salem, December 13, 1694, Joanna Towne, born January 22, 1677, in Topsfield, daughter of Joseph and Phebe (Perkins) Towne.

(IV.) Isaac Nichols, eldest son of Thomas and Joanna (Towne) Nichols, settled in Sutton, Massachusetts, but no record of his death is there found. He married, in Boxford, Massachusetts, February 1, 1726, Sarah Wilkins, born May 27, 1704, in Boxford, who survived him until April 9, 1779, remaining a widow.

(V.) Henry Nichols, eldest son of Isaac and Sarah (Wilkins) Nichols, was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, March 17, 1732, and died in Royalston, Massachusetts, November 19, 1814. He married (first), September 22, 1757, in Sutton, Elizabeth Towne, born May 13, 1704,

died September 11, 1781, daughter of John and Mercy (Towne) Towne.

(VI.) Elijah Nichols, fifth son of Henry and Elizabeth (Towne) Nichols, was born in Royalston, July 25, 1770, and there died May 2, 1856. He married (first), October 16, 1827, Asenath (Wilder) Fairbanks, born in 1785, died August 19, 1847, a daughter of Reuben and Mary (Pierce) Wilder, and widow of Jonathan Fairbanks.

(VII.) Joseph Towne Nichols, second son of Elijah and Asenath (Wilder-Fairbanks) Nichols, was born in Royalston, Massachusetts, February 8, 1832, and there died May 20, 1915. He spent his boyhood at the home farm then, at the age of eighteen years, spent four years in Albany, New York, returning to Royalston, where, in 1861, he enlisted in Company I, 25th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Union Army. He served three years under this enlistment then was transferred to Company H, 55th Regiment, was commissioned first lieutenant and continued with that command until the war closed in 1865. He then returned to Royalston and for three years drove a stage, carrying mail, express, and passengers between Royalston Center and South Royalston. He sold that business and located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where, under M. W. Cummings, he learned the undertaker's trade and business. For a third of a century he served Royalston as undertaker, and to his work brought a tender, heartfelt sympathy and kindly consideration that earned him the respect and gratitude of his townspeople.

In connection with his undertaking he engaged in farming and served the town for ten years as Selectman, holding also in turn about every office in the town. He was a good business man, an efficient town official, his judgment and his executive ability earning him public favor. Joseph T. Nichols married, April 7, 1858, Martha G. Turner, born May 19, 1836, in Phillipston, Massachusetts, daughter of Leonard R. and Mary (Pierce) Turner. Children: Leonard, born April 17, 1869; Mary L., married S. Weston Wheeler; Frederic Carleton, of whom further; and Agnes A., married Cornelius Quinlan.

(VIII.) Frederic Carleton Nichols, second son of Joseph Towne and Martha G. (Turner) Nichols, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, December 27, 1873, and there completed his education in the public schools. As a boy he served as page to the Massachusetts Legislature in 1891, 1892, and 1893, entering the employ of the Fitchburg National Bank in 1893. He continued with that bank for three years, but in 1895 transferred his allegiance to the Fitchburg Savings Bank, an institution with which he has now been connected for twenty-eight years, 1895-1923. He now holds the office of treasurer, to which he was elected in 1906, after two years of special preparation as assistant treasurer. He is the executive officer of the Savings Bank, director of the Fitchburg Bank and Trust Company, and member of the executive committee of the board, also a director and member of the executive committee of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company and of the Grant Yarn Company. He is a trustee of the Fitchburg Home for Old Ladies, and chairman of its finance committee.

For two years Mr. Nichols was president of the Massachusetts Savings Bank Treasurers' Club, for four

years was treasurer of the Massachusetts Bankers' Association, and he is an ex-president of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce. He has been a member of the city government of Fitchburg, and for three years represented Fitchburg in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He is a member of Charles W. Moore Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar (now, 1923, serving as Generalissimo); Apollo Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Fitchburg Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (Past Exalted Ruler); former president of the Fitchburg Family Welfare Association; a member of the Fay Club, of Fitchburg; and the Algonquin Club, and Boston Athletic Association, of Boston; the First Parish Unitarian Church, of Fitchburg, and the Fitchburg Young Men's Christian Association.

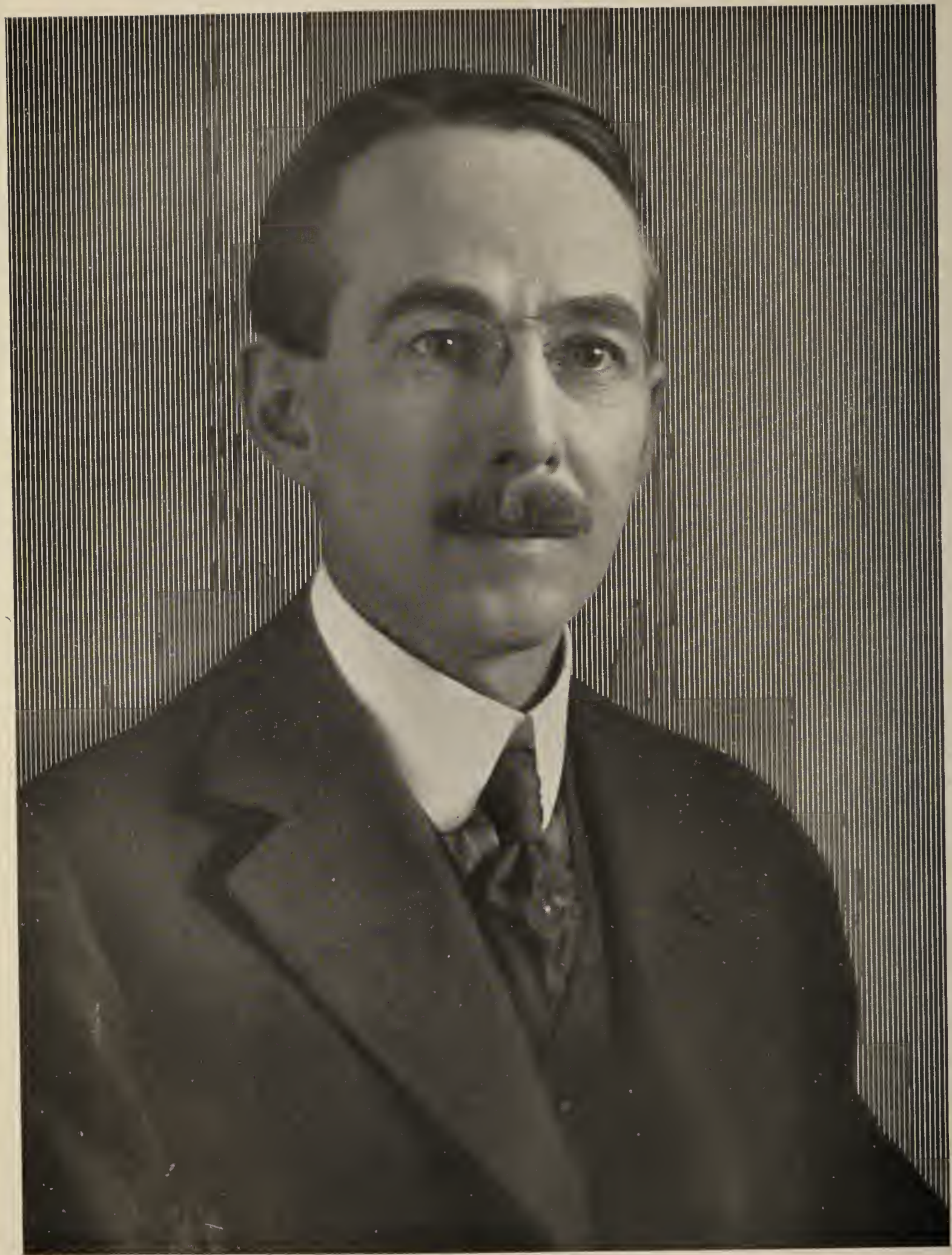
Frederic Carleton Nichols married, in Plainfield, New Jersey, October 5, 1899, Ethel Holmes, born at Amelia Court House, Virginia, daughter of Augustus D. and Hannah M. (Perry) Holmes. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are the parents of two children: Anna Holmes, born October 24, 1907; and Louise, born March 29, 1913. The family home is in Fitchburg.

ARTHUR JOHN BERRY—For several years now Arthur John Berry, president of the Lee Brothers Company, has been one of the well-known and successful business men of Athol, Massachusetts. He has been identified with the business of manufacturing needles since the beginning of his active career, and is recognized as an expert in that line of business activity.

Mr. Berry is of English ancestry, his grandfather having been a manufacturer of various fancy articles in England, who made a specialty of fancy snuff boxes. On one occasion he presented one of his very finest designs of that article to the Lord Mayor of London.

John Berry, father of Arthur John Berry, was born in Manchester, England, and as a boy of ten years accompanied his parents on the long six weeks' voyage in a sailing vessel to this country. He became a manufacturer of skates, and was the inventor of the skates known as the Barney & Berry skates. Later he became superintendent of the National Needle Company, at Springfield, Massachusetts. He married Ellen Sullivan, of Boston, Massachusetts, and later became a resident of Springfield.

Arthur John Berry was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, June 15, 1868. He received his education in the public schools of his native city, where he graduated from the high school in 1886. He then found his first employment with the National Needle Company, for whom his father was serving as superintendent, and that connection was maintained for a period of eleven years. At the end of that time he removed to Orange, Massachusetts, where he organized and equipped a needle factory for the New Home Sewing Machine Company, and where he remained as superintendent of the factory for eighteen years. He then made a change, at the urgent solicitation of his brother-in-law, W. Starr Lee, and went to Athol, Massachusetts, to assist in the business of the Lee Brothers Company, manufacturers of shoes. He soon became president of that concern, Mr. Lee acting as business manager and treasurer. but



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shortly after his arrival in Athol Mr. Lee died. Mr. Berry has continued to be the efficient chief executive of the concern however, to the present time. He is a member of the board of directors of the Athol National Bank, and is well known among the business men of that city as a conservative and able business man. Mr. Berry gives his support to the principles of the Republican party, but generally takes no active part in political affairs. He did, however, serve on the City Board of Trade for a time. At the time of the Spanish-American War he enlisted for service and was made first sergeant of Company K, 2nd Massachusetts Regiment, United States Volunteers, the first company of Massachusetts to be mustered in for service in that conflict. During the World War he served actively in the work of the Red Cross, and on the Liberty Loan Committee. He was treasurer of the finance committee of the local chapter of the Red Cross, and was influential in the success of several of the campaigns for funds. Fraternally he is a member of Orange Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Orange, Massachusetts; Crescent Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Orange Commandery, No. 45, Knights Templar; Harris Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Aleppo Temple, Mystic Shrine. He has also been a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, is a member of the Paquaig Club, of Athol, Massachusetts; the Past Commanders' Association, of Boston, Massachusetts; and Athena Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. He has served for a number of years on the executive board of Camp Chenego Association, and is a member of the board of trustees of the Athol Public Library. His religious affiliation is with the Unitarian church.

Arthur John Berry married, on June 26, 1909, at Athol, Massachusetts, Marion Howe Lee, daughter of Charles Milton and Minnie (Howe) Lee, the father was a native of Athol, Massachusetts, and the mother of Post Mills, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur John Berry are the parents of one son, Arthur Lee, who was born May 6, 1910, and is now a student in the public schools of Athol,

EVERETT W. COATES, M. D., in professional circles in Northern Worcester County, Massachusetts, holds a noteworthy position and is broadly representative of present day advance in medicine. He is a son of Wallace Bruce and Alice (Walton) Coates, his father active in the shoe industry.

Everett W. Coates was born at Lynn, Massachusetts, in April, 1886. His education was begun in the public schools of his birthplace and following his course at the Lynn Classical High School, he entered the employ of the First National Bank, afterwards the Essex Trust Company. Here he remained for about three and one-half years, then worked for a banking house in Boston for a while, and later was associated with a business concern in Maine. After this experience he decided to study medicine, and entered the Boston University of Medicine, from which he was graduated in the class of 1912 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His internship was spent in three different institutions, the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, of Boston; the Westboro State Hospital, at Westboro, Massachusetts; and the Trull Hospital, of Biddeford, Maine. With this widely

comprehensive preparation Dr. Coates entered up his professional career, taking up the practice of medicine in Farmington, New Hampshire, where he was active for four years. Here he established his own private hospital and conducted it for three years, and thereafter he was engaged in practice in Concord, New Hampshire, for one year, when his progress was interrupted by his military service. He enlisted in the United States Medical Corps on July 10, 1918, and received his commission as first lieutenant. Stationed immediately at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, he was soon assigned to Base Hospital No. 133, Overseas Unit, later being transferred to Camp Sheridan, at Montgomery, Alabama, and he was thence ordered to proceed to Hoboken for embarkation overseas. Before the date of sailing arrived the armistice was signed and Dr. Coates remained on this side with his unit and received his honorable discharge from the service on December 10, 1918. Coming to Fitchburg a short time afterward, Dr. Coates opened his office in this city on January 6, 1919, and has continued in general practice here since. He is winning recognition also in surgery, and is considered one of the thoroughly successful professional men of the city. He is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Massachusetts Homeopathic Medical Society, the York and Cumberland (Maine) Medical societies, the Massachusetts Medical Society, Worcester North Medical Society, and the Fitchburg Medical Society. He is also a member of the Alpha Sigma, now the Phi Chi fraternity. Dr. Coates is affiliated fraternally with the Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fitchburg; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Harris Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Athol, Massachusetts; and Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar, of Fitchburg; also Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. He helped to organize the Kiwanis Club, of Fitchburg, of which he is a director, and is broadly interested in all that counts for local advance in the civic life of the community.

Dr. Coates married, on October 23, 1913, Grace E. Robbins, of Ashby, Massachusetts, daughter of Fred E. and Julia E. (Fletcher) Robbins. Mrs. Coates is a graduate nurse of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, of Boston, Massachusetts, and served as assistant superintendent and later as superintendent of the Buffalo, New York, Homeopathic Hospital.

EDWARD S. STROUT—The State of Maine has given to the world many men of vigorous spirit and constructive ability whose lives have been full of usefulness, and one of these men is Edward S. Strout, who for the past fifteen years has been associated with the Fiske-Carter Construction Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts. Reared in the atmosphere of the lumber industry, it was perhaps but natural that Mr. Strout should have chosen the field of construction for the scene of his life work. Certain it is that his activities in the Worcester district are contributing in a marked degree to the general welfare. He is a son of Willis C. Strout, who was born at Alexander, Maine, and was active in lumbering and farming enterprises. He now lives retired at Grafton, Massachusetts. The mother,

Almira (Towers) Strout, was born at Milltown, New Brunswick, Canada, and is also still living.

Edward S. Strout was born at Alexander, Maine, at the family homestead, September 7, 1879. After completing his studies in the public schools of Alexander, Baring, and Calais, Maine, he became identified with construction work in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he has remained permanently. In 1908 Mr. Strout became identified with his present associates in the organization of the Fiske-Carter Construction Company, the incorporators of this concern being as follows: Burton C. Fiske, president; William W. Carter, treasurer; Edward S. Strout, secretary and assistant treasurer. With offices at No. 11 Foster Street, this concern handles general construction work of all kinds. Their work is not confined to this locality by any means, but extends throughout the New England States, and with two branch offices in the South, they go throughout the Southern States east of the Mississippi River. They have done much important work of lasting significance to the people, and to the sections in which they have been active. The young men of this organization are still in the prime of life, progressive, forward-looking men of the day, and this enterprise is understood to be the most important in its field now centered in Worcester. The company specializes in building construction, and among the contracts which they have carried out may be mentioned the Pacolet Manufacturing Company of Pacolet, South Carolina, and New Holland, Georgia. In these two places villages were constructed, including the erection of houses, installation of sewers, water system, etc. Similar work has been done for the Woodside Cotton Mills, of Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. Strout is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally holds membership in Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a well-known member of the Worcester Automobile Club.

Mr. Strout married, in 1910, Emily Ashworth, who was born in Rochdale, Massachusetts.

JOHN LOVELL (J. LOVELL) JOHNSON—

There may be men living who have never heard of the Iver Johnson firearms, nor the Iver Johnson bicycle, but where would one go to find them? At the head of the great works and company manufacturing and marketing these products of the inventive genius and mechanical skill of his father, Iver Johnson, who has passed away but lives in the memory of the men of the great plant at Fitchburg, stands John Lovell Johnson, manufacturer, business man, and eminent citizen. He has gained his entire business experience with the manufacture and sale of the products of the Iver Johnson's Arms & Cycle Works, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, having other interests, but all subordinate in his life to the great interests whose destinies he guides as chief executive.

Iver Johnson, the founder, was a son of John Johnson, a farmer of Nordfjord, Norway, the farm on which he was born was a family possession for centuries. Iver Johnson was born at the old homestead in Norway, February 14, 1841, died at his home in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, August 3, 1895, and was buried at Worcester. At the age of sixteen he began an ap-

prenticeship at gunmaking in Bergen, Norway, serving five years until 1862, then for a year worked as a journeyman gunmaker in Christiana, Norway. In 1863 he came to the United States and settled at Worcester, Massachusetts, where for eight years he was employed in gunmaking shops. In 1871 he entered into partnership with Martin Bye, and as Johnson & Bye they started in a single room in a Church Street building, a gun shop from which grew the great Iver Johnson's Arms & Cycle Works, of Worcester, now of Fitchburg, and The Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Company, of Boston, Worcester, and Fitchburg.

Two years after the founding of Johnson & Bye the business of the firm had outgrown the single room, and two rooms were rented in the Armsby Building, on Central Street. There fifty hands were employed, and two years later the firm bought the building, and by 1881 were using its entire floor space for their own purposes. In 1883 Iver Johnson bought his partner's interest and thereafter conducted the business under the firm name, Iver Johnson & Company. To the finest mechanical skill as a gunmaker, Iver Johnson added fertile inventive genius, and he devised patterns for bicycles and small arms which he fully protected with patents. In his own plant he used the best and most modern machinery and was constantly devising new machines and implements. Within a few years he was shipping goods all over the United States, and agencies were established in Canada and Mexico.

In 1885 the Iver Johnson bicycle was placed on the market, and soon 1,000 bicycles of that pattern were being made annually, and in five years 15,000 was the annual output. More factory space than he could secure at his Worcester plant caused Mr. Johnson to purchase the Fitchburg plant of the Walter Heywood Chair Manufacturing Company plant, and there with additions and new buildings he conducted one of the largest industrial plants in the city of Fitchburg. After moving his factory to Fitchburg, Iver Johnson retained his home at Worcester until his later years, when he moved to Fitchburg to be near his factory. He built up a tremendous demand for Iver Johnson firearms and bicycles, and lived fully up to his business slogan, "Honest goods at honest prices." His sons became associated with him in the business, and when their honored father passed away they succeeded him, and an uninterrupted growth and prosperity has attended them.

Iver Johnson, while a resident in Worcester, was a director of the Sovereign's Coöperative Store, and of three coöperative banks. For many years he was president of the Equity Coöperative Bank, and vice-president of the Home Coöperative Bank. He was a trustee of the Fitchburg Savings Bank, director of the Fitchburg National Bank, and of the Fidelity Coöperative Bank of Fitchburg. He toured Europe in 1884, visiting his native land and many manufacturing centers. He was a Republican in politics, a member of lodge, chapter, commandery, and consistory of the Masonic order, holding the thirty-second degree; was a noble of the Mystic Shrine, and most charitable and philanthropic.

Iver Johnson married, April 9, 1868, Mary Elizabeth Speirs, daughter of John and Janet (Adams) Speirs, of Norwich, Connecticut. To them were born five children: Janet Bright, who died young; Frederick Iver,

John Lovell, of further mention; Walter Olaf, and a daughter, Mary L. Otto.

John Lovell Johnson, son of Iver and Mary Elizabeth (Speirs) Johnson, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, June 26, 1876. He was educated in the public schools of Worcester and Fitchburg, grammar and high, and in Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Upon finishing school he entered the Iver Johnson plant, in 1896, and is now (1923) president of the Iver Johnson's Arms & Cycle Works, of Fitchburg; president of the Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Company, of Boston, Worcester, and Fitchburg; and of the Johnsonia Company, Incorporated, of Fitchburg. The Iver Johnson's Arms & Cycle Works now comprise five brick buildings and several wooden ones, with a floor space of about 200,000 feet, equipped with all modern machinery and appliances. Large wholesale depots are maintained in New York, San Francisco, and Chicago, and with branches in England and Australia, practically the whole world is covered. Expert and skilled mechanics and metallurgists are employed, and laboratories test all materials chemically and mechanically. Iver Johnson arms and bicycles have world-wide reputation, and it is claimed that the output of small firearms and shotguns from the Iver Johnson Works is greater than of all other small firearms manufactured in the country. J. Lovell Johnson has given his entire business life to the business of which he is the capable head, and is complete master of its every important detail.

Mr. Johnson's other business interests are entirely financial, he being vice-president and director of the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company, vice-president and director of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company, trustee and member of the board of investment of the Fitchburg Savings Bank, all of Fitchburg; director of the Merchants' National Bank, of Boston; Merchants' National Bank of Worcester; Clinton Trust Company of Clinton; Boston Casualty Company of Boston; and Fitchburg Coöperative Bank.

In politics Mr. Johnson is a Republican, and has long been active in public life and in party councils. He has served as chairman of the Republican City Committee of Fitchburg, and as treasurer of the Republican State Central Committee of the State of Massachusetts. In 1916 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention that nominated Charles E. Hughes for President, and is one of the influential men of his party. In 1901 he was elected a member of the Fitchburg Board of Aldermen, serving three years, and as president of the board during the last two years of his term. In 1907 he was chosen State Senator for two years, and during 1909-10, he was State Councillor for the Seventh District. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian. In the Masonic order Mr. Johnson is Past Master of Charles W. Moore Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; is a companion of the Royal Arch; a Knight Templar, and a thirty-second degree member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, a Past Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. His clubs are: The Algonquin, Boston Athletic, and Boston City, of Boston; Worcester and Tatassit, of Worcester; Fay, Oak Hill Country, and Sportsman's, of Fitchburg.

REV. STANISLAUS JOSEPH CHLAPOWSKI—

The life of Father Chlapowski has been so closely interwoven with the history of the city of Gardner in recent years that it is peculiarly fitting to inscribe the record of his work in the permanent annals of Worcester County. His broad vision of life and his utter surrender of himself to the service of God and humanity form a chapter of deep interest to the people. A native of Poland, Father Chlapowski is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Rydlawicz) Chlapowski, who came to the United States in the middle eighties, locating in Webster, Massachusetts. They are still living in that community, the father having been active as a farmer for many years.

Rev. Stanislaus Joseph Chlapowski was born in Poland August 21, 1883, and was only a little child when he came with his parents to Webster, Massachusetts. He received his early education in the parochial schools of Webster, attending evening school as well as day sessions, then later entered SS. Cyrillious and Methodius College and Seminary, at Detroit, Michigan, where he covered a five years, classical course, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1908. Later going to Montreal, Quebec, Canada, he spent two years in the study of philosophy, then entered the Grand Seminary, where in three years and a half he completed his theological studies. On December 20, 1913, he was ordained to the holy priesthood at St. James' Cathedral, in Montreal, by the Rt. Rev. Archbishop Paul Bruchesi, D. D. Following his ordination Father Chlapowski returned to Webster, Massachusetts, where he assisted in the services of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church for about three months. He was then appointed to the Three Rivers (Palmer, Massachusetts) Church as assistant priest, and served for about eight months, after which he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church, of Gardner. He took up his duties here on November 22, 1914, and has led his people forward through the trying years which have since intervened, winning their sincere affection by his self-sacrifice and devotion. Father Chlapowski has not only revealed himself as a highly exemplary spiritual leader of his flock, but has lived before the world such a truly Christ-like life that all who know him have learned to love and revere him. During the ravages of the influenza epidemic which has gone down in history as unexampled before or since, he ministered to whatever need he found, no matter what that need might be. In homely but heartfelt eulogy it was said of him at that time:

Father Chlapowski rolled up his sleeves and went to work among those stricken with the disease. He stayed at the bedside of those who had no one to look after them, he built fires, buying coal where there was no fuel, he bought supplies where there was no food, and ministered to the afflicted irrespective of religion, race or creed. His services reached the heroic stage.

It was said by those who were in closest touch with his work at this fearful time, when the plague claimed its victims by the hundreds, that for six weeks or more Father Chlapowski never took any relief, snatching a few moments of sleep only as he had opportunity. When he was able to leave one patient he sought others, questioning only their need, nothing else. Wherever he could find a sick and suffering human being there he did all that could be done, leaving only to seek further oppor-

tunities of service. No wonder that in Gardner he is "the priest whom everybody loves." In all the war-time activities he was a leader. He organized a Polish war chest, and carried his church "over the top" in every Liberty Loan and Red Cross drive, selling among his people from \$25,000 to \$30,000 in every drive inaugurated by the United States Government. Whenever there was any war organization work to do he took a leading part in it.

St. Joseph's Church has grown and prospered much under Father Chlapowski's pastorate. The congregation now numbers more than 1,100 souls, and he is leading them ever to higher spiritual attainments as well as material prosperity as a church body. He has re-decorated the church and has otherwise beautified and improved the church property. He is active also in all branches of civic endeavor, is a member of the board of directors of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, is a member of Gardner Council, No. 396, Knights of Columbus, and is a director of the Community Girls' Club. He takes a sincere pride in the growth and dignity of the new city administration and is a member of the memorial building committee, which has in charge the erection of a new city hall. Father Chlapowski is a broad-gauged man in the highest sense of the term, and numbers among his friends and admirers the best people of the community without regard to theological differences or any barriers of creed. Still a young man, a life of great and ever-increasing usefulness unquestionably lies before him.

WARREN B. HARRIS—For many years active along industrial lines in the town of Millbury, Massachusetts, Warren B. Harris holds a prominent position in the business affairs of the community, and his activities are contributing to the progress of the textile industry through the production of special parts for textile equipment. Mr. Harris is a native of this community, and a member of a very old New England family, which has been represented in the professions and industries for many generations, also bearing a part in patriotic and public endeavors from time to time. Warren A. Harris, Mr. Harris's father, was born in Millbury, Massachusetts, and was active as a farmer for many years, also in the wood and ice business until his death, which occurred in August, 1918. He married Sarah Frances Bryant, of Lynnfield, Massachusetts.

Warren B. Harris was born at Millbury, Massachusetts, March 29, 1884. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following his course at the Millbury High School, Mr. Harris prepared for college at Worcester Academy, then entered Brown University, at Providence, Rhode Island, in the class of 1907. His first business experience was in the employ of the Crompton & Thayer Loom Works, where he remained for one year in the experimental department. He then purchased the Millbury Machine Company, formerly owned by E. J. Humphrey, and has since carried this business forward, manufacturing window frame machinery. In connection with this interest they do a general line of jobbing and repair work, and in 1912 Mr. Harris bought out the Rice Dobby Chain Company and has continued the two interests as one until the present time. This newer concern manufactures dobbie chains for looms, and in this branch of his activity Mr. Harris is

doing a very prosperous and constantly growing business. When he took over the interest in 1907 only three men were employed, and the floor space occupied was only about 4,000 square feet. He has now more than doubled his space, and employs about twenty-five men. As a practical business executive of Millbury Mr. Harris has been sought by other interests and is now affiliated with the Millbury National Bank as a director, and is a trustee of the Millbury Savings Bank, and also a director and treasurer of the Community House of Millbury. He was brought forward in the public service several years ago and was elected Selectman for the town of Millbury in 1917, serving for a period of five years, during the latter half of this time acting as chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of all bodies, both York and Scottish Rites, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Worcester, and attends the Federated Church.

Mr. Harris married, April 25, 1912, Rena Gates, who was born in Worcester, and they are the parents of two children: Warren Gates, born April 29, 1913; and Dorothy Virginia, born July 2, 1917.

EDWARD ARTHUR DENNY—In the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, the name of Edward A. Denny has for nearly thirty years been closely identified with that branch of economic advance known as life insurance, and in this field Mr. Denny holds a position of wide prominence as assistant secretary of the State Mutual Life Insurance Company. Mr. Denny comes of distinguished antecedents, long prominent in the old Bay State, and is a son of Daniel Edward and Martha Alice (Fisher) Denny. The Hon. Daniel Edward Denny was a man of unusual prominence of his day in the State of Massachusetts. As a young man he enlisted for service in the Civil War in the 42d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and served with honor and distinction throughout the period of the war. He was for many years a leading figure in the political advance of the city of Worcester, and prominent in the Republican party. He was elected repeatedly to the Massachusetts House of Representatives and also to the Senate, and was for a number of years a member of the Governor's Council, serving on that body during the administrations of Governors Eugene N. Foss and David I. Walsh. He is now retired from all business and public activity, but he is still keenly alert to the movements of the time, and his venerable figure is well known in many circles in this city. He is often sought in an advisory capacity on matters of both commercial and public import.

Edward Arthur Denny was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, December 16, 1872. His education was begun in the public schools of the city, and he covered the usual course at the Worcester Classical High School, from which he was graduated in 1892. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Denny became identified with the State Mutual Life Insurance Company in a subordinate capacity, then, within a few years, was given the responsible position of cashier. He was later made assistant secretary, which office he still ably fills. During his connection with this concern, which now covers a period of

some three decades, Mr. Denny has been closely identified with its progress and has been a significant factor in its growth. In the various interests of the city, civic, fraternal, and benevolent, Mr. Denny has always borne a part. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, which he served as treasurer in 1922, still filling that office this present year (1923). Politically he has been a loyal supporter of the principles of the Republican party ever since attaining his majority, but has never sought nor accepted public honors. Fraternally, Mr. Denny is identified with Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Worcester, of which he was Master in 1909 and 1910, and of which he has been treasurer since 1911. He is a member of Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. He attends the Central Congregational Church of Worcester, and is active in its social and benevolent organizations.

Mr. Denny married, on September 19, 1900, Bertha Julia Griswold, daughter of Frank C. and Mary A. Griswold, of Plainville, Connecticut, and they have one daughter, Barbara, born July 19, 1912.

JOSEPH A. LOVE, A. B., LL. B.—Successful in the practice of the law, his chosen field of professional endeavor, Joseph A. Love has won a high position in Webster, Massachusetts, where he has practiced for the past eighteen years or thereabouts. His prominence in civic affairs and his leadership in patriotic endeavor place him among the representative men of the day, and he is also well known in fraternal and club circles. He is a member of an old family of Worcester County, and a son of John J. Love, of Webster, Massachusetts, and for many years active in the granite business as the head of an important monument works there. John J. Love was a very prominent citizen, a Democrat by political affiliation, long a Selectman of the town of Webster, and for two terms Postmaster under President Cleveland; also for a long period a trustee of the public library. He died June 20, 1915, and his passing was a great loss to the community. The mother, Ann (Hogan) Love, died at an early age, March 23, 1884.

Joseph A. Love was born at Dudley, Massachusetts, November 10, 1875. His early education was received at St. Louis' Parochial School, and he later attended the Webster High School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1892. Covering his preparatory work at Phillips-Exeter Academy, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1894. He then served three years as Assistant Postmaster under his father, and one year in the same capacity under his father's successor. In the fall of 1898 he entered Harvard University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1902, with *magna cum laude* for general work and final honors for special work in history and government, and received a *detur*, and the degree of Bachelor of Laws two years later. Serving a clerkship in the offices of Raymond & Gordon, of Boston, for one year, Mr. Love then returned to Webster following his admission to the bar of the State, and took up the practice of law in this community in November of the year 1905. He has successfully conducted a general practice since, and now holds front rank in

the profession in Southern Worcester County. Always deeply interested in all advance, Mr. Love has for years served in various public offices. He is a Democrat in his politics, and he was elected, in 1908, Moderator of the town meeting, and subsequently served in the same capacity in 1913, 1914, and 1915. In 1916 he was elected alternate delegate to the National Democratic Convention at St. Louis. In 1917 he was made a delegate to the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention from the Sixth Worcester representative district, and served during that year and the following; and in 1917, also, he was elected a member of the Webster School Committee and has been reelected twice as the candidate of both parties. He is now chairman of that committee. During the World War he acted as associate member of the Legal Advisory Board. He was also in charge, for the United States Government, as agent, of licensing the use of explosives under the Department of the Interior. He was further identified as a volunteer, with the work of the United States Secret Service, serving under United States Attorney George Anderson, and had charge of that work in Webster, Dudley, Southbridge, Charlton, Oxford, Douglas, Sutton, and Uxbridge, and also as district inspector of the American Protective League. He also filled many positions on local committees in war welfare work. Mr. Love was a charter member of the Webster Chamber of Commerce, and has served that body as counsel from its inception, always taking the deepest interest in its work. He is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar Association, the Worcester County Bar Association, and the Southern Worcester Bar Association. His fraternal affiliations include membership in the Knights of Columbus, Webster Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, the Delta Epsilon, the Thayer Law Club of Harvard University School of Law, and the Kappa Epsilon Pi of Phillips-Exeter Academy. He is a member of Putnam Country Club. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic, in which he was reared, and he is a member of St. Louis' Church.

Mr. Love married Mary Elizabeth Lafford, of Webster, Massachusetts, daughter of William C. and Annie (Sheehan) Lafford, esteemed people of this community. Mr. and Mrs. Love have two children: Mary Gertrude, born April 3, 1917; and Louise, born June 8, 1920.

HOWARD M. PARKS—Nine generations of the Parks family are recorded in New England history, but in the earlier records the name more often appears as Parks and Park, while in one line the spelling Peirks prevailed for several generations. Richard Parks was the founder of the first of these generations which terminates in this review with Howard M. Parks, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, president of the Parks, Cramer Company, he being of the ninth generation.

Richard Parks was of Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he became a proprietor in 1636, owning eleven acres, on which he built a house that stood until 1800. He owned other lands, and his will, dated July 12, 1665, shows him to have been one of the wealthy men of the colony. He married Sarah Brewster, widow of Love Brewster, son of Elder William Brewster, and daughter

of William and Jane Collier. The line of descent from Richard and Sarah (Brewster) Parks is through their son, Thomas Parks (1629-1690) and his wife, Abigail Dix; their son, John Parks, (1656-1718) and his second wife, Elizabeth Miller; their son, John (2) Parks, (1696) and his wife, Esther Parks; their son, John (3) Parks, (1719-1804) and his wife, Hannah Hammond; their son, Samuel Parks, (1761-1820) and his wife, Annie Muzzy; their son, William Parks, (1805) and his wife, Dolly S. McIntire; their son, Gilbert M. Parks, and his wife, Abbie F. Sampson; their son, Howard M. Parks.

Gilbert M. Parks was born in Westminster, Massachusetts, August 15, 1842, died December 16, 1914. He was educated in the public schools and learned the gas and steam fitter's trade in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. In 1872 he established with John H. Carpenter a business which they jointly conducted until 1887, when Mr. Parks bought his partner's interest and continued alone until 1901. In that year with his sons, Robert S., Frederick W., and Howard M., he incorporated the business as the G. M. Parks Company, Gilbert M. Parks, president, the sons as co-directors. This became one of the largest and most completely equipped industrial piping plants in New England, Mr. Parks ranking with the best business men of his city. He was a director of the Lancaster Cotton Mills, a member of Mt. Roulstone Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; a Republican in politics, and an attendant of the Unitarian church. He was a man of rare quality, and his many years were filled with the labor of one who worked for the joy of working. Gilbert M. Parks married, October 27, 1870, Abbie F. Sampson, daughter of Captain Robert Sampson, of Fitchburg, and to them three sons and two daughters were born: 1. Robert S., born March 10, 1872, his father's business associate. He married Caroline H. Goodwin. 2. Frederick W., born December 21, 1874, associated in business with his father and brothers. He married Ruth W. Chapin. 3. Jennie A., born February 11, 1877, married H. G. Townend. 4. Howard M., of further mention. 5. Helen A., born August 8, 1884.

Howard M. Parks, third son and fourth child of Gilbert M. and Abbie F. (Sampson) Parks, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, December 26, 1878. He was educated in the grade and high schools of the city, and when school years were over he entered the family business with his father and brothers, learning the details of the gas and steam fitting business. When the G. M. Parks Company was incorporated in 1901 he became a director of that corporation, so continuing until 1917, when that company was absorbed by the Cramer Company, of Charlotte, North Carolina, forming the Parks-Cramer Company, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Howard M. Parks, president. The company specializes in industrial piping and humidifying, their business being large and reputation high. Mr. Parks has practically spent his life in the business of which he is now the executive head, and has intimate knowledge of its every detail and process. He is a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, the Fay Club, and Oak Hill Country Club, of Fitchburg. The company is a member of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts.

Howard M. Parks married, June 20, 1906, Hazel H. Hopkins, daughter of Chester and Lilla (Woodward)

Hopkins, of Hopkins, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Parks are the parents of a daughter, Jane, born February 23, 1909, she of the tenth generation of the family founded in New England by Richard Parks.

HENRY G. PEARSON, one of the foremost business executives of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, is directing large affairs both in his capacity as treasurer of the Goodnow-Pearson Company of this city, and as president of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Pearson has had wide and practical experience in the business world, although for many years with the same concern, for he has filled executive responsibilities in the interests of this organization in the various localities in which the company is active, and has now for many years been a member of the concern. Mr. Pearson is interested in organized advance and participates in all forward endeavor.

The Pearson family is one of dignity and distinction in New England, and Moses Pearson, Mr. Pearson's grandfather, was an early resident of Sudbury, Massachusetts, later removing to Albany, Vermont, and eventually to Coventry, Vermont. There his son, Samuel Howe Pearson, became one of the leading men of the community and a largely successful farmer. Samuel Howe Pearson married Sarah Gray, a granddaughter of Obadiah Gray, a pioneer settler of Coventry, Vermont, who later went to Keene, New Hampshire, and became a leading lumberman of his time. Rev. Asahel Gray, son of Obadiah Gray, and father of Sarah (Gray) Pearson, was an early pastor of the Congregational church and for forty-four consecutive years served as a minister of that church.

Henry G. Pearson was born in Coventry, Vermont, September 5, 1871. Receiving his early education in the public schools of his birthplace, he later covered a college preparatory course, then attended Lyndon Seminary, of Lyndon, Vermont. As a young man Mr. Pearson secured a position with W. L. Goodnow in his mercantile establishment, at East Jaffrey, Cheshire County, New Hampshire. He remained with this interest for four years, then went to Keene, New Hampshire, where he was engaged for a similar period in the Goodnow store in that city. Next he transferred his activities to the Bellows Falls store, which was conducted under the title of Goodnow, Jewelt & Bishop, there remaining for about three years. Thereafter going to Brattleboro, Vermont, he was active for a second period of three years, under the firm name of Goodnow & Pearson, then came to Fitchburg in the year 1903 as manager of the Goodnow-Pearson interests and treasurer of the company. The city of Fitchburg takes pride in this thoroughly modern and efficiently conducted department store where the people find a shopping place second to none in New England in its atmosphere of courtesy and willingness to oblige, also in the thorough excellence of the stock carried. Mr. Pearson, as a leading business man of Fitchburg, was elected president of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce in December, 1922. He is a trustee of the Worcester North Savings Institute and interested in all that pertains to the public advance. He was a member of the City Council for three consecutive years some time ago (1904-5-6) but his busy life has compelled him to decline



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the honors and responsibilities of public office. Externally Mr. Pearson is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, of Brattleboro, Vermont. He is a member of the Masonic Club of Fitchburg, the Rotary Club, also of Fitchburg; the Columbia Club, the Oak Hill Country Club, and the Fay Club of Fitchburg.

Henry G. Pearson married, at Brattleboro, Vermont, June 15, 1907, Ella Tanner Waite, and they are the parents of two children: Gray Waite, born December 20, 1909; and Lucretia, born October 5, 1915, both children being born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

FRANK W. MORRISON—In legal circles in Worcester, Massachusetts, Frank W. Morrison holds a prominent position, his long experience and splendid ability giving him a place among the really noteworthy professional men of that city. Mr. Morrison is a son of George W. Morrison, who was born in Rockingham, Vermont, and was active here as a farmer and live stock dealer until his death, which occurred in 1898. The mother, Harriet Barton (Wetherbee) Morrison, was born at Grafton, Vermont, and still survives her husband.

Frank W. Morrison was born at Rockingham, Vermont, July 16, 1871. Receiving his early education in the public schools of his birthplace, he later attended Vermont Academy. In 1896 he was graduated from Stanford University, in California, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Subsequently he took a post graduate course in law at this university. In 1901 he entered practice in San Francisco, specializing in mining law. Mr. Morrison returned East in 1910, and opened law offices in Worcester. Since 1918 his offices have been at No. 340 Main Street, in the State Mutual Building, and at Whitinsville, Massachusetts. He quickly developed a large practice, for his habit of making a client's cause his own, his thorough preparation of every case, together with a virile personality which inspires confidence, have won for him a wide circle of friends. Mr. Morrison holds an important place in the legal profession in Worcester, and has appeared as attorney in many important cases. He prepared, conducted, and argued the famous case of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts *vs.* the City of Methuen. In compliance with the statutes it was necessary to bring the action in the name of the Attorney General. This was a *quo warranto* proceeding to set aside that city's charter, and the question was as to whether *quo warranto* was the proper form of action. Mr. Morrison's research in the preparation of the case took him back into English court proceedings as early as the twelfth century. The history of similar actions during all the intervening centuries verified his judgment. The argument was heard in a special session of the Supreme Court, at which all the Justices were present. They listened with rapt attention, frequently interrupting with questions that would have been disconcerting to an advocate less thoroughly prepared. In 1921 the Supreme Court handed down a decision setting aside the charter of the city of Methuen. This has attracted wide attention and has become a ruling case. Mr. Morrison has been a resident of Uxbridge for a number of years, serving that town as counsel for five years, and for a similar period served as counsel for the town of Northbridge. He is attorney for the Whitinsville National Bank, and several industrial cor-

porations, and serves as a trustee of the Whitinsville Savings Bank, an office he has held since 1916.

Reared on a farm, he has never lost his love of the soil, and his chief diversion from the exactions of his professional vocation is found in conducting a dairy farm at Saxton's River, Vermont, under the name, "Green Mountain Farms." The farm comprises about six hundred acres, and includes the two hundred and twenty-five-acre homestead of his grandfather and father. One hundred acres are under cultivation. With ample pasturage, he also raises all his feed and fills three large silos with winter fodder. The herd of fifty head of registered Brown Swiss dairy cattle produces not less than three hundred quarts of milk a day, and at times the quantity runs much higher.

Mr. Morrison has an aversion to the term "gentleman farmer," which often, if not generally, connotes conducting an agricultural enterprise at a financial loss. backed by the practical experience gained in his youth, he believes that farming can be made as profitable as any other industry by the application of scientific methods and the exercise of that care and sound judgment which are at the basis of success in every business. He is a lover of trees, and the subject of reforestation has claimed his interest for some time. It is safe to say that if a good percentage of people who own suitable land would follow Mr. Morrison's example, little concern need be felt for our future supply of lumber. Already he has set out 6,000 Norway spruce and some white pines on his "Green Mountain Farms." This is to be followed by other plantings, guided by the experience gained in this first experiment.

The production of maple syrup and sugar is one of the three principal industries upon which the State of Vermont must depend. Yet Mr. Morrison is probably the first man to approach the subject of producing maple sap with a plan to which the term efficient might properly be applied. At present the business is carried on in a very crude manner. No maple orchard has ever been set out in a systematic manner; the trees grow in clumps, here and there, and the sap is gathered in the same slow, laborious, expensive way followed by the forefathers. Mr. Morrison's idea is to set out maple seedlings six feet apart, making about twelve hundred to the acre. As the trees will be planted on a hillside, a system of piping can be used that will collect the sap from the trees and convey it by gravity to the boiler houses. This method will greatly reduce the expense of manufacturing, and at the same time increase the quantity of product. Mr. Morrison plans to tap every other row of trees in each direction when they are about fifteen years old. Besides yielding some sap, and thus getting an early financial return from the orchard, it is expected that this early tapping will kill the trees, which it is intended shall be thinned out and used for cord wood. This will not only give the remaining trees needed room for development, but it will provide a system of roadways which will enable sap to be gathered by teams should anything put the gravity system of piping out of commission.

When Mr. Morrison first broached this plan to the State Forestry Department of Vermont it aroused no enthusiasm; but he hammered away in persistent lawyer fashion until the spring of 1923, when he succeeded

in closing a contract, by the terms of which the State of Vermont is to deliver to him 18,000 sugar maple seedlings, in the spring of 1925, at the cost of growing them. Maple syrup now sells for \$2.50 per gallon, and it is safe to say the price will never be lower. It is expected that the orchard here described will yield 10,000 gallons per year when the trees have reached the sap-producing age. It is believed this is the first project of its kind in this country, and it is sufficiently unique and important to have gained special notice from the great editorial writer, Arthur Brisbane. In his column, "To-day," he said recently:

In one bright spot in Vermont, in the State nurseries, will grow 18,000 sugar maple trees. When three years old they will be delivered to a Mr. Morrison, who will plant them twelve hundred to an acre, on the side of a hill, that the sap, as collected, may run down by gravity.

Inferior trees will be cut for cord wood, thinning out the grove. The State will be enriched and the food supply increased. That's real civilization, better than war.

Interested broadly in all civic and social advance, Mr. Morrison showed his patriotism during the World War by serving as corporal in the Massachusetts National Guard, and he also served, without compensation (even paying his own expenses), as government appeal agent for seven towns under the Selective Draft. This was an arduous position involving much driving. It has already been noted that Mr. Morrison possesses the capacity for taking infinite pains, and his work as appeal agent was done with such characteristic care and thoroughness, that the board accepted his decisions in every case. Mr. Morrison is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association, and his social affiliations include Solomon's Temple Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Composite Club, and the Congregational Club of Whitinsville. He is also a member of the Congregational Church Society of that town.

On January 27, 1907, Frank W. Morrison married Alice Parkis, who was born in Slatersville, Rhode Island, and they have one child, Frances Parkhurst, who was born November 2, 1907.

WELLS L. HILL, one of the important figures in the prosperous town of Athol, Massachusetts, who for more than half a century has been owner and editor of the Athol "Transcript," one of the most progressive weekly newspapers in Worcester County, Massachusetts, is a native of Athol, and a son of John C. and Dolly (Smith) Hill, this family being leaders in the civic and social life of the community for generations. Mrs. Hill was a granddaughter of Aaron Smith, one of the first settlers of the town. John C. Hill was prominent in the local world of finance and business, and the moving spirit in the organization of the Athol Savings Bank, which was incorporated in the year 1867.

Wells L. Hill was born in Athol, Massachusetts, July 25, 1850. Following his elementary studies he was overtaken by a calamity which in a man of lesser calibre would have precluded a life of such breadth of usefulness. Recovering from a severe attack of scarlet fever, he was left totally deaf, at the age of twelve years. His speech and eyesight were spared to him, however, and with valiant courage he set to work to make something of his life, regardless of this handicap. He became a

graduate of Gallaudet College for the Deaf at Washington, District of Columbia, and graduated as a member of the class of 1872. Early in the following year he purchased a third interest in the Athol "Transcript" and became its editor. Under his leadership this paper, which had previously had a short, but varied, history, was stabilized and became an influence for good both in the homes of the community and its surrounding towns and in the business life of his section.

The Athol "Transcript" was founded in the year 1871 by Lucien Lord, the leading real estate dealer of Athol, theretofore postmaster of the town, and also the builder of the Academy of Music. Associated with him in the "Transcript" business was Edward F. Jones, the most prominent local printer of that time, and Dr. Vernon O. Taylor, a highly esteemed physician of Athol, was made the editor. The first issue of the paper appeared on January 31, 1871. Not long afterward the first editor was succeeded by Colonel George H. Hoyt, a veteran of the Civil War, who shortly before that struggle had become nationally famous as one of the defenders of John Brown in his trial following his historic raid at Harper's Ferry. Colonel Hoyt was in Kansas thereafter until the breaking out of the Civil War, where he won his rank. He returned to Athol after the war, opened a law office and bought an interest in the "Transcript." Upon Colonel Hoyt's election to the State Legislature he sold his interest to Edgar A. Smith, who had previously been a resident of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and at this time Mr. Hill bought his interest in the paper and became its editor. A few years later Mr. Hill purchased the interests of his partners, and he has since been at the head of the business.

Mr. Hill's policy has always been one of advance. A job printing department has kept pace with the newspaper in growth and usefulness, until now the plant is one of the most thoroughly up-to-date of any in the State, with the most modern improved machinery and equipment. They make a specialty of constantly adding new type faces and designs, keeping their equipment always fresh and complete. Two linotypes are now in use in the office.

The "Transcript" has always supported the principles and policies of the Republican party in political issues of local, State or national import, but has been and still is thoroughly devoted to the many branches of endeavor which count for local betterment and the integrity and security of the home. It has undergone many changes, improvements and enlargements during its life, and is now the largest weekly newspaper in this section of the State, printing from twelve to twenty pages, as required by its extensive advertising patronage. In fact, it is a broadly representative American newspaper of the better class, circulating extensively in Worcester County and north, west and eastern Franklin County. The head printer is W. Paul Cook, a graduate of Dartmouth College, and an expert craftsman.

Wells L. Hill married, May 11, 1875, Abbie M. Earle, daughter of Luke and Lucy Abby Earle, of Greenwich, and their four children are: 1. J. Clarence, a graduate of the Athol High School; entered the "Transcript" office immediately following his graduation, and is now general manager and associate editor of the paper and stands at the head of the business, a thoroughly pro-

gressive young man of Athol. 2. Louett E., who is a general assistant in the business. 3. Raymond E., who served in the World War with the rank of captain, and is now one of the publicity managers of the world-famous Winchester Arms Company, of New Haven, Connecticut. 4. Nettie E., who resides with her brother in New Haven.

FREDERICK H. LEE, of the Lee Hardware Company, has spent practically his entire life in Athol, Massachusetts. He is a descendant of two of the oldest families in the community, the Fish family, of which his father is a descendant, being one of the first group which settled in Athol, and the ancestors of the Lee family coming soon afterward.

Samuel Lee, father of Frederick H. Lee, commenced a retail business in 1854, and from 1854 to the time of his death, with the exception of one year, during which he built the hotel known as the "Summit House," in 1857-58, was engaged in retail business, founding the Lee Hardware Company in 1873. He took an active part in political affairs, and for many years was one of the active and progressive citizens of Athol. He married Hattie L. Nourse, of Wallingford, Vermont, and their children were: Richard H., who died in infancy, and Frederick H., subject of this review.

Born in Athol, Massachusetts, March 30, 1867, Frederick H. Lee received his education in the public schools of his native city. When school days were over he became associated with his father in the hardware business, and he continued to be his father's faithful and efficient assistant to the time of the death of the latter, October 3, 1916. On January 1, 1917, he formed a partnership with A. B. Perkins, and from that time to the present (1923) the partners have continued to conduct the business under the name of Lee Hardware Company. The concern sells, besides hardware, seeds and paints, and has built up a very large and profitable business. Mr. Lee is one of the incorporators of the Athol Savings Bank, and he is generally known as a conservative business man, who may be trusted to see all sides of a business proposition, and also as one who is progressive enough to undertake a new enterprise. Politically, he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party, and he has always been ready to bear his share of the burden of local public office. For fifteen years he served as a member of the School Committee, and at the present time (1923) is a member of the Cemetery Committee. During the World War he aided in all the ways which citizens at home found to forward the work of the war, giving freely to the Red Cross work, and using his influence to insure the successful accomplishment of the work of the various war committees of the community. Mr. Lee stands high in the Masonic order, being a member of all bodies, both York and Scottish Rites, as far as and including the consistory, where he received the thirty-second degree. In 1904 he was Commander of Athol Commandery, Knights Templar, and for the past seventeen years he has been recorder. He takes an active part in the work of the Unitarian church. He was a member of the Old First Unitarian Church of Athol until 1922, when through the efforts of Mr. Lee and Mr. F. E. Wing, the First and Second Unitarian churches were combined into one con-

gregation, which is known as the First Church, Unitarian, Inc., of Athol, Massachusetts.

Frederick H. Lee has been twice married. He married (first) Emma J. Tooley, of Athol, who died in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1920. He married (second), at Boston, Massachusetts, Susan M. Perkins, the sister of his partner in business, and daughter of Robert Rodger and Mary Jane (Wiggins) Perkins. His second marriage occurred in June, 1922.

HERBERT E. JENNISON, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, holds a prominent position in the industrial affairs of the city, his position as a leading official of three important concerns placing him in the front rank of local industrial progress. Mr. Jennison is a practical business man, gifted with large executive ability and the breadth of vision which applies that ability to permanently useful purposes.

As president of the Jennison Company, Mr. Jennison is taking a widely important part in plumbing, heating, and sheet metal activities in New England. In association with James H. Mack, Mr. Jennison took over this enterprise which was founded by A. A. Spear & Company, then for a time conducted under the title of the C. M. Converse Company. As Mack & Jennison, the business went forward from 1885, at which date only about fifteen men were employed. The business then consisted only of local plumbing, heating, and sheet metal work. Throughout the entire subsequent period the same general line of advance has been followed, but the scope of the interest has extended very largely. They now have for many years taken care of the needs of mills and other industrial plants, also large buildings of every description, and their efficient work has brought them commissions from all parts of New England. This entire section now comprises their territory and they employ about two hundred and fifty men. On April 1, 1923, the interest was incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts for the sum of \$250,000, Herbert E. Jennison becoming president, and Colonel W. H. Dolan, treasurer. Mr. Jennison is also president and treasurer of the Blake Pump & Condenser Company, with plant located at Sawyer Passway, in Fitchburg, and is an important enterprise in its field. This concern produces general pumping machinery, including the hydraulic apparatus for work of this kind, which was in great demand during the World War. Mr. Jennison's long experience has been of the greatest value in the progress of this company, which was incorporated in the year 1907. With F. C. Smith as works manager and during the busy season a full complement of men employed, this concern holds a leading position in its field.

Further active as the owner of another interest known as the Thomson Company, Mr. Jennison is in this connection participating in the continuous forward movement for the benefit of dumb animals. The business consists of the manufacture of zinc horse collars, and was founded in 1877 by Alexander Thomson. During Mr. Thomson's activities he conducted the business under the title of the Thomson Steel Horse Collar Company, and for more than thirty years, or until his death, carried the interest forward successfully. It was then taken over by Mr. Jennison, who conducts its affairs under the title of the Thomson Company. Mr. Jennison has

not exploited the affairs of this concern as extensively as in the case of his other interests, but its growth has been steady and its field of distribution is principally furnished by the United States Government and various city fire departments still using horse-drawn equipment. Within the past four years important improvements have been made in the construction of the collar, which is now pronounced by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to be the best device ever invented for the horse. In these varied activities Herbert E. Jennison bears a progressive and useful part in present day affairs and, interested in all progress, he endorses constructive effort in every line of advance.

MARTIN VAN BUREN HOWE, the venerable and honored head of the well-known chair manufacturing concern of Howe, Spaulding Company, Incorporated, is still one of the active figures in the business life of Gardner, Massachusetts. Although he is in the eighty-seventh year of his age, he is still alert to the conditions of the moment and as active as many men a quarter of a century his junior. He is first at his desk in the morning and one of the last to leave at night. Loving his work and uneasy when not busy, he is one of the best informed men of the day regarding conditions and prospects in the chair manufacturing industry. Mr. Howe is a son of Spooner and Phoebe (Briggs) Howe, his father a native of Jamaica, Vermont, and his mother of Dartmouth, Massachusetts. The father was a shoemaker by trade in the early period when all work of this kind was done by hand, and conducted a shop in Jamaica, Vermont, until the time of his death. Both Mr. Howe's parents died in Jamaica many years ago.

Martin Van Buren Howe was born at Jamaica, Vermont, April 7, 1837. His education was received in the little country school house on the edge of the woods, about three miles from the village of Jamaica, and he completed the course available in his sixteen year. Born on the farm, he bore a part in the activities of the place even as a child, and when his schooling was completed took up the work of the farm, taking a man's place beside his step-father. His tastes, however, inclined him more to a business career, and in 1855 he came to Massachusetts and found employment in a chair factory in East Templeton. About two years later he went to Ashburnham, Massachusetts, and entered the employ of the Winchester Brothers, also chair manufacturers, with which firm he remained for about ten years. During his connection with the Winchester interests Mr. Howe worked for about six years in the machine shop of the plant, learning the machinist's trade, as well as that of pattern maker. In April, 1867, he resigned from their employ and came to Gardner, Massachusetts, where he entered the machine shop of the Heywood Brothers & Company. About a year later he was transferred to the chair department of the same concern, and was for some time active in contract work, having sixty-five men under him. This work continued for about four years, then he was placed in charge of the wood working department of the same concern, in which connection he served for about fifteen years. In March, 1900, Mr. Howe resigned from this position to engage in business for himself, founding the present interest

of Howe, Spaulding & Company, his son-in-law, George W. Spaulding, being his partner in the business. A period of widespread financial depression came on shortly after the establishing of this interest and during that time Mr. Howe managed to keep his head above water. Thereafter, however, his advancement was rapid and his success became an assured fact. He went forward with the courage of a man who has been tried and has proven his own ability, and he has developed one of the successful chair manufacturing concerns of Gardner, incorporated July 1, 1923, as Howe, Spaulding Company, Incorporated; M. V. B. Howe, president and treasurer; G. W. Spaulding, vice-president; G. M. Howe, clerk. He is one of the oldest men still active in the business life of this city, and both among his associates and employees is looked up to and revered. Among the people generally, he is most highly esteemed, and although he has few interests outside of his business, he has always lent his influence to any movement which had for its purpose the progress of the community or the welfare of the people.

Mr. Howe married, on February 10, 1860, Sarah S. Metcalf, of Ashburnham, Massachusetts, who survived until recent years passing away on June 28, 1922, after sixty-two years of happy married life. Mr. and Mrs. Howe were the parents of four children: Two sons and two daughters, of whom three are living; Alice M., the wife of George W. Spaulding, a member of the firm of Howe, Spaulding Company, Incorporated; Herbert L., active in business in South Gardner; and George M., assistant manager for Howe, Spaulding Company Incorporated.

ALVAN TRACY SIMONDS—As the present head of an interest which for upwards of a century has been carried forward under the administration of members of his family, Alvan Tracy Simonds holds a position of wide usefulness, and in carrying this enterprise to its present importance he has won large success. The Simonds Saw and Steel Company, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, is a leading concern in its field in the United States, and is one of the foremost industrial organizations of Worcester County.

The Simonds family came from England to America in early Colonial times, and early records give the name of the pioneer as Samuel Simonds, Gentleman. He settled at Ipswich, Massachusetts, and was considered a leader in the little company of Puritans who settled the Massachusetts Bay Colony, serving as deputy and assistant under Governor Winthrop, and in the year 1673 becoming Deputy Governor of Massachusetts.

Abel Simonds, the eighth generation in direct descent from Samuel Simonds, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, December 10, 1804, and died in the place of his birth, April 22, 1874. As a young man twenty-eight years of age, he became active in business in partnership with A. T. Farwell, purchasing a mill privilege in West Fitchburg. There in 1832 he built his first shop, which formed the nucleus of the present interest, and this business was conducted under the firm name of J. T. Farwell & Company. In the year 1851 the partnership was dissolved and Abel Simonds continued the business independently until 1864, when he retired, and the enterprise was taken over by his sons and another associate,



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under the title of Simonds Brothers & Company. The personnel of the company was then Alvan A. Simonds, George F. Simonds, and Benjamin Snow. Prosperity and steady growth continued the rule, and the necessity for the expansion of the plant became imperative. Accordingly, in 1868, the business was incorporated as the Simonds Manufacturing Company, among its charter members being: George F., Alvan A., Thomas T., Daniel, and Edwin F. Simonds. A new and for the time highly modern structure was erected at the present location in the city of Fitchburg. Up to this time the business had comprised the manufacture of mower knives and planer knives, and for about a decade no radical change was made in the product. In 1878 they disposed of their interest in the manufacture of mower knives, at the same time enlarging the other department, also beginning the manufacture of saws. In this new branch they employed an entirely new system of tempering and straightening which turned out a product greatly superior to any previously made. Two years had been devoted to tentative developments in this special field, beginning with circular saws, and after the department was established they added cross-cut, band, and hand saws. Meanwhile, for twenty years, from the date of incorporation until the year 1888, George F. Simonds ably filled the office of president, and great credit is due to his far-sighted management and excellent judgment for the breadth of activity which was eventually attained. George F. Simonds then resigned to form a new company and enter a different field of endeavor, and he was succeeded by Daniel Simonds, who filled the office of president from 1888 until his death, which occurred May 5, 1913. Alvan A. Simonds left the concern in 1875. Before and during the presidency of Daniel Simonds a definite policy of expansion was followed. Branch offices were opened at intervals in the following cities: Chicago, Illinois, (1880); San Francisco, California, (1886); New Orleans, Louisiana, (1888); Portland, Oregon, (1891); New York City, (1892); Seattle, Washington, (1898); Montreal, Quebec, (1906); St. John, New Brunswick, (1906); and Vancouver, British Columbia, (1911).

During this period an additional factory was erected in Chicago in 1892, and eight years later a steel mill was established by the company in the same city. In 1911 the steel mill was removed to Lockport, New York, where a complete new and modern equipment was installed. The Fitchburg plant was rebuilt and enlarged in 1905-06, and in the latter year the present great factory in Montreal, Canada, was placed in operation. In 1906 also the manufacture of hack saw blades and files was undertaken in a separate factory, and this branch of the business grew so rapidly that in more recent years new buildings have been continually added to accommodate the routine operation of the interest. Daniel Simonds received into association with him in the business his three sons: Alvan T., who since 1913 has been president of the company, of further mention; Gifford K., now general manager, of further mention; and Harlan K., now treasurer, of further mention. These brothers act as directors also, the board numbering four other members: Thomas F. Howarth, John E. Kelley, Charles L. Sands, and Albert E. Culley. In December, 1922, shortly after the opening of the branch office in Detroit, Michigan, the company sold its assets

in the Simonds File Company, in combination with other interested parties, to a new incorporation known as the Simonds Saw and Steel Company, the personnel of this concern comprising the same officers and directors. The product of this concern is distributed throughout the world, wherever wood or metal is cut. In the various factories and branch offices at the present time (1923) no less than 2,200 people are employed.

Alvan Tracy Simonds, eldest son of Daniel and Ellen M. Simonds, was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, December 23, 1876. His education was begun in the local schools, and he was graduated from the Fitchburg High School in the class of 1894. Next attending Phillips-Exeter Academy for one year, he later entered Harvard University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1899. Specializing at this institution in economics and metallurgy, Mr. Simonds then took up advanced research in the latter field at the School of Metallurgy, at Sheffield, England, his graduation occurring in the year 1900. Thus completing his preparations for his work at the steel center of the old world, he entered upon his career well equipped for responsibility. First filling the position of laboratory assistant with the Simonds Saw and Steel Company, he gained invaluable experience in both the production and distribution departments of the plant. He next filled the position of department foreman, then successively order entry clerk, cost accountant, advertising manager, purchasing agent, and vice-president, succeeding to the presidency of the corporation on the death of his honored father. He is further identified with the industrial advance as a director of the Hunter Arms Company, Incorporated, of Fulton, New York, and is a director of the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company. Mr. Simonds was elected a director of the United States Chamber of Commerce in May, 1922. He is a member of the National Manufacturers' Association, the American Iron and Steel Institute, a director of the American Supply & Machinery Manufacturers' Association of New York City, and a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce. During the World War he served with the rank of captain, from May until December, 1917, in charge of the purchase and production of helmets and body armor for the United States Army, then at the close of that period Captain Simonds was relieved from duty at Washington, where he had served under the immediate direction of the ordnance department, to manufacture armor plate for this department. In many other phases of progressive effort Mr. Simonds holds executive responsibility or bears a constructive part. He was a founder and guarantor of the Fitchburg Open Forum, and held his office during the years 1919, 1920, and 1921. He is a member of the visiting committee of the Harvard School of Business Administration, of the Harvard Club of Boston, the Engineers' Club of New York, the Brookline Country Club of Boston, and the Fay and Oak Hill Country clubs of Fitchburg. He attends the Calvinistic Congregational Church.

Alvan Tracy Simonds married, on April 16, 1901, at Albany, New York, Susan Gansevoort Lansing, and they are the parents of two children: Robert McClellan, born April 11, 1902; and Daniel, born February 28, 1906.

Gifford Kingsbury Simonds, second son of Daniel and Ellen M. Simonds, was born at Fitchburg Massa-

chusetts, November 29, 1880. Following his early and preparatory studies in the city of his birth, he attended military school at Ossining, New York, then completed his formal education at Hopkinson School, in Boston. He then spent five years in the Fitchburg factory of the concern, working through the different departments, thereafter devoting a certain period of time to each of the various office departments, thereby familiarizing himself thoroughly with every branch of the business. He subsequently became treasurer of the corporation, and is now also general manager. He is further active as a director of the First National Bank of Boston, and is a director of the Safety Fund National Bank of Fitchburg. He is prominent in various local affairs, was at one time Alderman of Fitchburg, is a member of the Fay, Oak Hill Country, and Tedesco Country clubs, all of Fitchburg; of the Corinthian Yacht Club of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and the Eastern Yacht Club. He attends the Calvinistic Congregational Church. Gifford K. Simonds married, at Fitchburg, Ruth Woodward, daughter of Frederick F., and Elizabeth (Howland) Woodward, and they are the parents of three children: Priscilla, born in 1911; Kingsbury, born in 1914; and John, born in 1917.

Harlan Kenneth Simonds, youngest son of Daniel and Ellen M. Simonds, was born January 5, 1883. His early education was received in the local institutions, and he later attended military school at Ossining, New York, also the Hopkinson School of Boston. As his brothers had done, he entered the plant of the Simonds Company and learned all branches of the business through the eminently practical method of experience. Thus fitting himself for the executive responsibility which now devolves upon him as treasurer of the concern, he is holding high rank in the business world of Fitchburg.

ELMER ALONZO ONTHANK—Those who build up and safeguard the interests of financial institutions which encourage thrift and protect the savings of the public serve the community as well as the organization with which they are connected, in a substantial way. To them is committed much, and upon their integrity and faithfulness depends much of happiness. If they fail in honor or in watchfulness, misfortune and unhappiness must come to many. One of the many faithful protectors of financial prosperity of others is Elmer Alonzo Onthank president of the Safety Fund National Bank of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Mr. Onthank is a native of New England, a son of Nahum Ball, a portrait painter, whose work may be seen in many of the prominent galleries of the country, and of Caroline Heath (Clancey) Onthank. Born in West Newton, Massachusetts, April 5, 1870, he completed his education in the English High School of Boston, Massachusetts, and then began his long association with the banking business. His first position was with the old Blackstone National Bank of Boston, in the employ of which he held various positions for a period of nine years, from 1888 to 1897. In the latter year he severed his connection with the Blackstone National Bank in order to accept the position of cashier of the Safety Fund National Bank, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. During the more than a quarter of a century which has passed since that time, he has continuously main-

tained his connection with that institution, giving to the advancement of its interests his constant care and devotion. The value of his service has been fully appreciated, and in 1907 he was made president of the bank. His ability and his knowledge of banking affairs have brought to him responsibilities which affect the interests of many financial institutions outside of Fitchburg, and in 1919 he was made president of the Massachusetts Bankers' Association, serving until 1920. In that year his sphere of activities was widened and he became a member of the executive council National Bank Division of the American Bankers' Association for the New England division, which office of trust he still holds (1923). He is also chairman, stockholder and on the advisory committee of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Fraternally Mr. Onthank is a member and Past Master of Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he has taken all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is well known in club circles, being affiliated with the Algonquin Club of Boston, Bankers' Club of New York City, Corinthian Yacht Club of Marblehead, Massachusetts; and Fay Club and Oak Hill Country Club of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. He has many friends who esteem him both for his business ability and for his personal characteristics. His religious affiliation is with the First Parish Unitarian Church of Fitchburg.

Elmer Alonzo Onthank married, on March 10, 1903, at West Roxbury, Massachusetts, Grace Bandini Pierce, daughter of Josiah and Mary (Stearns) Pierce. Mr. and Mrs. Onthank are the parents of three sons: Pierce, who was born January 18, 1904; Curtis Heath, who was born May 24, 1905; and Elmer Alonzo, Jr., who was born June 4, 1910.

FRED M. JOHNSON—Throughout the entire period of his business career Fred M. Johnson has been identified with the lumber industry, and as treasurer of the W. A. Fuller Lumber Company of Leominster, and principal owner of the F. M. Johnson Lumber Company of Fitchburg, he is connected with two of the important concerns of their kind in the county. He is also identified with other lumber interests and is thoroughly familiar with all angles of the lumber business.

Born in Newport, Vermont, October 8, 1868, Mr. Johnson is a son of Isaac D. Johnson, a native of Jay, Vermont, who was engaged in the insurance business to the time of his death in 1920, and of Elizabeth (Sias) Johnson, born in Swanton, Vermont, died in 1920. He attended the public schools of his native district, and when his school term was completed found his first employment in a lumber concern, which line of business he has continued to follow. At the present time he is treasurer of the W. A. Fuller Lumber Company of Leominster, which concern is one of the well known and oldest establishments of the State. He is also associated with the Foster-Johnson Company as one of the partners in a lumber operating company, which has large holdings in Maine, and is also the principal owner and treasurer of the F. M. Johnson Lumber Company of Fitchburg. The latter is the successor of a concern which had for years been operated as a branch of the W. A. Fuller Lumber Company of Leominster Massa-



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chusetts. On January 1, 1922, it was incorporated as the F. M. Johnson Lumber Company. The plant is located on one of the most desirable sites in Fitchburg, and has a ground area of 40,000 square feet, about half of which is covered by modern buildings. The operations of the concern extend beyond Fitchburg to the cities—Gardner, Ashby, Westminster, Princeton, and other parts of that section of the State. Throughout his long career Mr. Johnson's close and continuous association with the lumber trade has made him an expert in that field, and he is widely known as one of the best authorities on the lumber market and on lumber qualities in the East. He is well known in Masonic circles, being a member of all bodies of the York Rite as far as that of the Knights Templar, and his club is the Leominster Club. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is also president of the Mutual Coöperative Bank of Leominster. His religious affiliation is with the First Church of Christian Scientists.

Mr. Johnson married, September 14, 1892, Mary G. Graves, who was born in West Shefford, Canada, daughter of Sylvester and Mary (Kent) Graves. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of one son, Stanley G. Johnson, who was born August 23, 1903, and is now manager of the F. M. Johnson Lumber Company of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

ALFRED FREE, Ph. D.—Of wide social experience and varied scholastic attainments, Dr. Free has had an enviable career not only as a minister of the gospel, but also as an educationalist. He was born at La Grange, New York, April 2, 1850, son of John T. and Mary E. (Doughty) Free. His father, who was a member of an old New York family that had long been resident in Dutchess County, was a veteran of the Civil War. He served during the entire period of the conflict, having been one of the first to enlist and one of the last that was mustered out. When the war was over he returned to his farm and began to rebuild his business, which had been sadly interrupted by his long period of military service. The owner of a fine tract of land, he spent the remainder of his life in the cultivation of the soil. A great believer in scientific methods in agriculture, he experimented unceasingly and took an active part in all public matters relating to the needs of the land and the efficient transportation and marketing of farm products.

As a boy Dr. Free enjoyed exceptional educational advantages, his parents sparing themselves no expense in an effort to give him an ideal cultural and scientific education. At an early age he was entered as a pupil of the La Grange public schools. After he was graduated from high school he proceeded to Colgate College at Hamilton, New York, graduating therefrom in the year 1872 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In Europe he became a post-graduate student at Leipsic University and was graduated from that famous institution of higher learning with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Returning to his native land Dr. Free was ordained to the ministry of the Baptist Church. His first charge was at Norwich, Connecticut, where for three years he was actively engaged in ministerial work. From Norwich he was transferred to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and for the next thirteen years he carried on his work in that city as pastor of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist

Church. In 1880 Dr. Free, whose theological ideas had slowly been undergoing a change decided to resign from the Baptist ministry in order to enter the Unitarian Association. As a Unitarian minister his first charge was at Turner's Falls, Massachusetts. In 1896 he went to Florence, Northampton, where he remained until 1909, in charge of the Free Congregational Society. For the past fourteen years he has had charge of the Church of the Unity at Winchendon, where by his preaching, popular lectures, and entertainments he has endeavored to foster an enlightened interest in religious and educational affairs. His first service in connection with the public schools were given during his pastorate in Philadelphia, where for several years he was a member of the School Board. He has been a member of the School Board at Turner's Falls, and also at Winchendon. Widely known as a scholar and thinker, Dr. Free has delivered many lectures on popular science. Mining engineering is one of his favorite subjects of study, and he is regarded as an authority in matters concerning mining laws and regulations, as well as a geological expert of long experience in the practical study of mining problems. Dr. Free's intellectual interests have always been wide, and he has followed up many lines of thought and conducted many researches to advance the sum of human knowledge. He has had the inestimable privilege of coming into contact with the best minds both here and abroad, and is widely known for his scientific and philosophical attainments.

Dr. Free is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to the Grand Lodge of that organization of Pennsylvania. He also belongs to the Avon Club of Winchendon.

Dr. Free married (first) May Morton Woodbury of Willimantic, Connecticut. In 1917 he married (second) Marion Moore Perkins, daughter of Thomas A. and Delia A. Perkins. Mrs. Free is a native of Norwich, Connecticut. Dr. Free has no children.

GEORGE ELI HOWE—One of the long familiar and always honored names of New England is that of Howe, and George Eli Howe, of Lancaster, Massachusetts, is a direct descendant through both paternal and maternal lines of the immigrant ancestor of this family, who settled in Massachusetts in the early half of the seventeenth century. Mr. Howe is a leading citizen of Lancaster, and in many branches of organized advance in this part of Worcester County he bears a constructive and progressive part.

John Howe, the pioneer of this family in America, settled at Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1639 and shared in the division of Sudbury Meadows in that and the following year. With the progressive spirit of his time he reached outward to wider possibilities, and became one of the petitioners for the grant of land which eventually comprised the town of Marlborough, Massachusetts. To that locality he removed from Sudbury, in 1657 or 1658, and was one of the earliest, if not the first white inhabitant of Marlborough. He opened the first tavern in that town about 1661, and his influence in the community was great. He had served as Selectman in Sudbury, and from 1661-64 he was active as Selectman of Marlborough.

In direct descent from John Howe through his son,

Josiah Howe, Eli E. Howe, father of the subject of this review, is the seventh generation from the pioneer. Eli E. Howe was engaged as a farmer throughout his active lifetime, but has for a considerable period been retired, and is now (1924) still living, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. In direct descent from John Howe through his son, Samuel Howe, Joseph Toombs Howe, late of Natick, Massachusetts, was the seventh generation from the pioneer, and his daughter, Ella J. Howe, became the adopted daughter of George W. Howe, late of Lancaster, Massachusetts. Eli E. Howe married Ella J. Howe, thus uniting the two lines after the lapse of more than two centuries.

George Eli Howe, son of Eli and Ella J. (Howe) Howe, was born at Lancaster, Massachusetts, May 19, 1874. Receiving his early education in the public and high schools of his birthplace, Mr. Howe later attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute. From that time forward for twenty years Mr. Howe served as private secretary to George W. Howe. Meanwhile, various public duties commanded his attention, and from the year 1912 he served as member and secretary of the Board of Health of Lancaster. He was appointed milk inspector in 1914 and became prominently identified with the Social Service Association. He has now for a number of years served as chairman of the Public Health Committee, and in this capacity he has general charge of the work of this organization. He has also, since 1899, ably filled the office of Justice of the Peace, and through both his public and private activities has contributed in no slight degree to the general progress and welfare. He is a member of the Massachusetts Associations of Boards of Health, and is one of the trustees of the Lancaster Charitable Fund. He is a member of the Unitarian church, and chairman of the standing committee of the official board.

George Eli Howe married, on September 4, 1907, at Lancaster, Massachusetts, Mabel Ward, daughter of Richard and Fannie A. (Andrews) Ward, both of Lancaster, but formerly of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Howe reside in Lancaster and are leading figures in the social and welfare activities of the community.

REV. ROBERT C. DOUTHIT—In the religious advance of Worcester County, Massachusetts, Rev. Robert C. Douthit holds a prominent position as pastor of the Petersham Unitarian Church, which office he has now consecutively filled since the year 1912. In all that pertains to community advance, as well as along the special line of religious duties, Mr. Douthit keeps in touch with all progress, and is a supporter of individual and community effort in the right direction. Entertaining broadly liberal convictions, his natural benevolence of spirit and keen interest in humankind fit him in a peculiarly happy way for the duties of his sacred office, and he has done much for the local advance and the spiritual welfare of the people. He is a son of Jasper L. and Emily (Lovell) Douthit, his father a Unitarian clergyman since 1867 and now (1923) one of the venerated figures of the church.

Robert C. Douthit was born at Shelbyville, Illinois, and following his early studies entered the Meadville, Pennsylvania, Theological School, from which he was graduated in due course. He later took up special post-

graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, and was ordained to the ministry in 1894. His first charge was the Unitarian church at Baraboo, Wisconsin, and thereafter he served successively at Dover, Massachusetts, and Castine, Maine. In Petersham, Massachusetts, Mr. Douthit has served two pastorates, having been appointed to the local Unitarian church in 1898, and serving at that time for a period of four years, then later returning in 1912. Since the latter date he has continued active in this community, his work counting in a large measure for the public advance as well as for the welfare and spiritual growth of his congregation. Supporting the Republican party as a rule in public affairs, Mr. Douthit nevertheless endorses all worthy effort of whatever nature, or under whatever auspices. He served as moderator of the town meeting for several years, but has otherwise never accepted public office. Fraternally Mr. Douthit is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Patrons of Husbandry, of which he was master of the Petersham Grange for two years, and the Knights of Pythias.

Robert C. Douthit married, at Shelbyville, Illinois, August 8, 1894, Lillian McGilvra, daughter of Alexander McGilvra, and they are the parents of two children: Alison M. D. Beardsley, born January 6, 1896; and Macleod L., born September 26, 1898.

FRANK H. FOSS—Broadly successful in the construction world of Worcester County, Massachusetts, and indeed active throughout a wide region in New England, Frank H. Foss is a noteworthy figure in the business life of this State, and with interests centering in the city of Fitchburg is bearing a practical part in the general advance. Mr. Foss is a son of Orrin F. and Hannah H. (Fiske) Foss, his father for many years a successful mason contractor in the State of Maine, and later active along the same line of endeavor at Medfield, Massachusetts.

Frank H. Foss was born at Augusta, Maine, September 20, 1865. His education was begun in the public schools of Maine, and he later attended Kents Hill, Seminary, Maine. Meantime, when still in school, Mr. Foss devoted the summer months to activity with his father, and under the instructions of the older man served a regular apprenticeship, thoroughly mastering the trade, and gaining at the same time a general familiarity with the business side of contracting activities. In the year 1884, the family removing to Livermore Falls, Maine, Mr. Foss became associated with his father in business under the firm name of O. F. Foss & Son, masons and contractors. This enterprise continued successfully for a period of eight years, then both father and son were induced to locate in Medfield, Massachusetts, and become foremen for Darling Brothers, leading contractors of Worcester and Medfield. About one year later Mr. Frank H. Foss became associated with Walter K. Wiley of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, under the firm name of Wiley & Foss, and together they have developed a very extensive and largely prosperous interest. They are engaged along various lines of contracting, their activities embracing construction work of many kinds, masonry, building, cement, the setting of foundations for boilers, etc., also stucco work and outside plastering. They hold a leading position in their field in this State.

In various interests of the city, the State and the Nation, Mr. Foss keeps in touch with the movement of the times, and has served in the public administration of the city of Fitchburg on more than one occasion. As far back as the year 1906 he was elected to the City Council, and served for three successive years. In 1909 he was elected to the Board of Aldermen, and was a member of that body for four successive years. During 1914-15-16 he was active on the Water Board, and in 1916 he was elected to the highest local office in the gift of the people—that of Mayor. He ably served in this responsible capacity during a period of four years, his reëlections definitely appraising his efficiency and usefulness in the public service. Mr. Foss was elected a member of the Republican State Committee in the year 1915, and that body elected him as their chairman in 1921, which position he still holds (1924). In the local world of finance his name is also influential as a director of the Fidelity Coöperative Bank, and he serves on the board of investments of the Fitchburg Savings Bank. He is widely affiliated fraternally, being a member of Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar; Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; also a member of the Masonic Club. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Boston Athletic Association, the Fay and Oak Hill Country clubs of Fitchburg, and is identified with the Universalist church.

Frank H. Foss married Sibyl S. Alden, daughter of Dr. Isaiah and Dora (Staples) Alden, of Wyoming City, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Foss have three children: 1. Ray Alden, born in May, 1895; a graduate of Worcester Technical Institute (1918), who enlisted in the aviation branch of the United States Army in November, 1917, detailed to Kelly Field, at San Antonio, Texas, where he was assigned to engineering work, and was discharged in November, 1918; is now active as chemist for the American Woolen Company. 2. Ruth Hannah, born in April, 1900; a graduate of Simmons College, of Boston (1922), now employed by the Sanborn Manufacturing Company. 3. Dorothy Sibyl, born in 1901, a graduate of Simmons College (1923), now active in the employ of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

CHARLES CARUSO—The life of Charles Caruso exemplifies in a very marked and noteworthy manner, fineness and beauty of usefulness. In a business way he has attained large success, but far from devoting his gains to wholly personal uses, he has rather given constant thought and effort to the needs and welfare of others, and his residence town of Milford, Massachusetts, bears many evidences of his benevolences of spirit. A native of Italy, Mr. Caruso came to this country as a young man, settling in Milford nearly forty years ago. He has since given to the progress of the community his best efforts, contributing to every advance movement, leading many public endeavors for worthy purposes, and personally executing various beneficent deeds. He is a son of Vincent and Mary Caruso, his father died in America at the age of seventy-four years, while his

mother lived to the great age of ninety-four years, also spending the latter part of her life in America, where she died.

Charles Caruso was born at Isernia, Italy, June 21, 1864. He had the advantage of an excellent education in his native land, and at the age of twenty years came to America and settled in Milford, Massachusetts. This was in 1884, and he immediately opened business, establishing a bank under the title of the Bank of the People. Two years later he established a steamship agency in connection with this bank. This shortly became and has ever since continued one of the leading Italian banking institutions of Worcester County, holding high rank among the banks in its field in the State of Massachusetts. This is not, however, Mr. Caruso's only interest. He early became a shareholder in other enterprises, and for years past has owned the Caruso Monumental Company, a concern which was doing a very extensive business and is leading its field in this part of the State. He has long owned large real estate holdings and has done more or less development work in this connection. He built several houses, and the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus stands as a monument to his devoted efforts and his business ability applied to a worthy cause. He, with others, built and financed the entire project of the church, standing back of all the costs of its completion and the beautifying of the grounds. In the public life of the community Mr. Caruso has long taken the deepest interest and has served in various capacities, his endeavors counting broadly for the public welfare. For thirty-two years he has been constable of Milford, and has long served as a member of the local committee on public safety and the local Board of Trade. He has done much detective work, for which he has become widely famous, his cleverness and alertness giving it great value to the public. He was an enthusiastic worker in all the home war activities, and since then aroused the interest of the people in the building of a beautiful monument on the public square in memory of the veterans of the World War, a really fine work of art, built of native granite, which he personally designed and had erected. Fraternally Mr. Caruso holds membership in Milford Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Knights of Columbus; the Foresters of America; the Central Labor Union; the Italian Mondo Socorso; and is vice-president of the local Police Association. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Charles Caruso married, in Franklin, Massachusetts, on November 26, 1889, Teresa Fiorani, daughter of Raphael and Santina Fiorani. They are the parents of one son, Alfred B., born January 12, 1894, in Milford, who was educated in the local high school and at the Boston School of Designing, and who now manages his father's many business enterprises. He married, in Milford, on April 21, 1918, Alma Hammerquist, and they have one child, Norma M. In these two figures above, father and son, are represented the finest type of Italian-American citizenship.

ROBERT SHURTLEFF WALLACE—Standing at a vital point in the production of cotton textile goods

in New England, Robert S. Wallace, of Fitchburg, is prominent in the manufacture of cotton yarns, as treasurer of the Fitchburg Yarn Company. In this enterprise he is associated with some of the leading citizens of Fitchburg, and his name is an influential one in the progress of the city. Mr. Wallace is a son of Herbert I. and Amy Louise (Upton) Wallace, his father for many years connected with the Fitchburg Paper Company but now retired.

Robert S. Wallace was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, September 28, 1888. His education was begun in the local schools, and he is a graduate of the Middlesex School, of Concord, Massachusetts, class of 1907, and Harvard University, from which he was graduated in 1911. Mr. Wallace has been associated with the Fitchburg Yarn Company since the early years of his experience in the business world, mastering the various branches of the enterprise and thoroughly familiarizing himself with the work of the different departments. His natural business ability and thorough training have been factors in his success, and he is counted among the really significant figures of the day in Fitchburg. The personnel of this organization is as follows: President, J. P. Lyman; vice-president and general manager, George P. Grant; and treasurer, Robert S. Wallace. H. I. Wallace was the predecessor of the present treasurer, who has served since the year 1913. This concern operates 60,000 spindles and employs about four hundred people. During the World War Mr. Wallace was commissioned captain of the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Army in October, 1917. He was detailed to Boston in charge of cotton goods production throughout New England. Mr. Wallace was retained on this side of the Atlantic throughout the period of the war, and received his honorable discharge from the service on June 14, 1919. Mr. Wallace is a director of the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company, a director of the Rodney-Wallace Company, of Fitchburg, and is well known in club circles, being a director of the Marlboro Country Club and a member of the board of governors of the Oak Hill Country Club. He is further a member of the Harvard clubs of Boston and New York.

Mr. Wallace married, on June 27, 1911, Florence Louise Lyman, daughter of J. P. and Mary Grace (Chapman) Lyman, and they have four children: Rosamond, born December 18, 1912; Rosemary, born January 25, 1914; Robert S., Jr., born May 5, 1915; and Penelope, born September 5, 1918.

ALBERT ALANSON TISDALE—A native son of Leominster, whose business career has been one of notable success, Albert A. Tisdale, has served his community well, and to his energy and enterprise a great deal of the success of the corporations with which he is connected is due. He is president of the Whitney Reed Corporation, and treasurer of the Horn and Supply Company, the latter of which he controls, and has been connected with both since their organization. He was one of the organizers of the original Whitney Reed Chair Company, and as treasurer and general manager was the principal factor in the successful development of the concern to its present proportions. He was one

of the organizers of the Horn and Supply Company, and continues its active head.

Stephen A. Tisdale, father of Albert A. Tisdale, was also a native of Leominster, born there October 18, 1828, and was also engaged in the manufacturing business, his line being horn goods, in which he continued to the time of his death in 1906. During the Civil War he served as a musician in the 1st Massachusetts Band, receiving his honorable discharge at the close of the war and he was a member of Stevens Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Leominster. He married Ann E. Whitcomb, who was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, October 22, 1835, and died February 12, 1916.

Albert A. Tisdale, son of Stephen A. and Ann E. (Whitcomb) Tisdale, was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, October 7, 1857, and after receiving a practical education in the public schools of his native city, prepared for a business career by taking a thorough course in Comer's Commercial College in Boston. When his business course was completed he became an employee of the local mills, but he soon engaged in business for himself under the firm name A. A. Tisdale & Company, until he became one of the organizers of the Whitney Reed Chair Company, associating himself with F. A. Whitney, J. P. Holman, and W. C. Burdette, under the firm name of the Whitney Reed Chair Company, of which he was made treasurer and general manager. The company is engaged in the manufacture of reed chairs and baby carriages, and from the organization to the present Mr. Tisdale has devoted his energies to the advancement of the interests of that business. Under his vigorous and efficient management the enterprise grew rapidly, and later was incorporated under the name of the Whitney Reed Corporation, of which Mr. Tisdale was made vice-president and later president. That official executive position he has continued to hold, and he is still an important factor in the continued growth and prosperity of the corporation. Mr. Tisdale has a host of friends in Leominster and vicinity, and is well known in fraternal and club circles. He is a member of Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and of Leominster Lodge, No. 86, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; his clubs the Leominster and the Camp Fire Club of America. He is also a member of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce; and his religious affiliation is with the Unitarian church of Leominster. In addition to his business responsibilities already mentioned, Mr. Tisdale is a member of the board of directors of the Leominster National Bank.

On January 20, 1891, Albert A. Tisdale married Florence E. Tenney, who was born in Keene, New Hampshire, daughter of William B. and Mary J. (Carter) Tenney. Mr. and Mrs. Tisdale are the parents of one daughter, Ruth M., educated in Leominster public schools, grade and high (valedictorian), finishing at Dana Hall, Wellesley, Massachusetts; she married Howard H. Chase, president of the Leominster Worsted Company (q. v.).

GEORGE F. PIERCE, as president and treasurer of the Pierce Direct Advertising Company of Worcester is meeting every practical need of the business houses of the city of Worcester, and his activities are contribut-



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ing materially to the general business prosperity. Mr. Pierce is a son of George Edward Pierce, who was born at Lunenburg, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and is now engaged in the fruit and produce business in the city of Worcester. The mother, Mary McKenna Pierce, was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, and is also now living.

George F. Pierce was born in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, September 4, 1897. His education was begun in the public schools of this city, and he is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, of Washington, Pennsylvania, of the class of 1919. Following his graduation Mr. Pierce returned to Worcester and became identified with the Park Mailing Company, Incorporated, which was founded in this city in the year 1917. At that time the business was known as the H. & D. Direct Advertising Company, under which name it was known until 1919, when it was incorporated under the name of the Park Mailing Company. Mr. Pierce became president of the organization and Marie E. Martocci, secretary and treasurer. In 1923 Mr. Pierce took over the duties of treasurer in connection with the presidency, Miss Martocci becoming at that time an inactive member of the firm. Later, in July, 1923, the Park Mailing Company discontinued and Mr. Pierce opened offices at No. 414 Main Street, under the name of the Pierce Direct Advertising Company. This business consists of designing, illustrating, and writing copy for booklets, folders, and many kinds of advertising material, also the writing of sales letters, the multigraphing of letters of any kind, the compiling of mailing lists, and the mailing of any advertising or other matters which are prepared for the mails in quantity. They are the largest house of this kind in Worcester. Mr. Pierce is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the United Commercial Travelers' Association, the Credit Men's Association, and served at the Officers' Training School at Washington, Pennsylvania, during the World War. He is also a member of the American Legion, and his clubs are the Kiwanis and the Tatassit. He attends St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Pierce married, on September 3, 1918, Florence Curtis, who was born in Worcester, and they have one son, George F., Jr., born September 22, 1919.

ARTHUR OSGOOD YOUNG—The city of Worcester, Massachusetts, may well be proud of its long list of able business men who are developing enterprises which bring to the city assured prosperity and continued growth. As president of the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, Arthur Osgood Young is at the head of a concern which has been steadily developing for nearly a half century, and which is recognized as one of the well-established business organizations of the city.

Mr. Young received his education in the public schools of Worcester, and, immediately upon the completion of his school training, began his connection with the concern with which he is still identified. He was associated with Charles L. Claflin, the founder of the business, who came to Worcester and established a coal yard at Central Street in the early seventies, and was a partner in the original firm of C. W. Claflin & Company. In

1875 C. L. Claflin was placed at the head of the Worcester branch of the business, and a wholesale department was established in Boston. For many years the firm was composed of C. L. Claflin, Mr. Young and Edward W. Pierce, of Brookline, Mr. Pierce having charge of the Boston office. During the five decades which have passed since the establishment of the original business the enterprise has steadily grown and prospered, changing its name and its form of organization several times, but always expanding. The old firm of C. W. Claflin & Company later became known as the Claflin Coal Company, and on April 1, 1910, the Claflin Coal Company was merged with the Sumner Coal Company under the name of the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, under which corporate name the business has been continued to the present time (1923). The main office is now located at No. 9 Pleasant Street, and there are yards at Nos. 241 and 401 Southbridge Street, No. 301 Shrewsbury Street, and at No. 215 Ludlow Street. As president of the concern, Mr. Young is devoting his time and energies to the advancement of its interests, and his ability and skill have been important factors in the continued growth and prosperity of the enterprise. In addition to his responsibility as the chief executive of the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company, Mr. Young is also a member of the board of directors of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company. As a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, he keeps closely in touch with the general economic situation in the city and contributes a valuable share to the advancement of the general prosperity of the city. He is a member of the Commonwealth Club, of the Tatnuck Country Club, and the Worcester Country Club. Politically he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. Mr. Young has many friends in the city of Worcester and vicinity, and he is well known as a progressive business man and an energetic and public-spirited citizen.

Arthur Osgood Young married, on January 16, 1890, Mary Valentine Claflin, who was born at Hopkinton, November 3, 1855, daughter of Charles Winslow and Anna Maria (Valentine) Claflin. Mrs. Young is descended from Robert Claflin, a Scotch soldier, captured by Cromwell and sent with other prisoners of war to New England, about 1650; settled in Wenham; died September 19, 1690. The name was originally spelled McClaflin, McLaughlin, etc. Daniel Claflin, son of the pioneer, was born in Wenham, moved to Hopkinton; married Sarah Edwards, and from about 1715 to the present time the Claflins have been one of the leading families of Hopkinton. Isaac Claflin, of the fifth generation, was a soldier in the Revolution. In all her lines of ancestry, Mrs. Young is descended from the early English settlers of the Old Bay Colony. Mr. and Mrs. Young are the parents of three children: 1. Charles Claflin, born December 5, 1893, member of the Tatnuck Country Club, the Worcester Country Club, the Commonwealth Club, and the Kiwanis Club; now a director and assistant treasurer of the Claflin-Sumner Coal Company; married Edna T. Smith, of Worcester, and they reside at No. 221 Burncoat Street. Mrs. Young is a member of the Worcester Country Club and the Tatnuck Country Club. 2. Margaret Valentine, born February 1,

1897. 3. Arthur Osgood, Jr., born November 5, 1898; now treasurer of the Framingham Coal Company, of Framingham, Massachusetts.

ARTHUR EDWARD CASWELL, as president of Bates Brothers Company, of Athol, Massachusetts, is a representative figure in the business life of this community and is bearing a practical part in its welfare. He is a son of Otis E. Caswell, who was born at Whitehall, Washington County, New York, and died at Montague, Franklin County, Massachusetts, in the fall of 1888. He was a farmer by occupation, as most men in the rural communities of Massachusetts at that time were, and a man of progressive spirit, esteemed by all who knew him. The mother, Maria G. (Hunt) Caswell, was born at New Salem, Massachusetts, and died in Montague, in the year 1885.

Arthur Edward Caswell was born at Montague, Massachusetts, September 30, 1851. He attended the public schools of Montague, and as a young man was variously employed in that vicinity. In the year 1867 he began to learn the manufacture of fancy leather goods and pocket books, and in this general field he has been active since. On September 1, 1871, Mr. Caswell came to Athol and entered the employ of Palmer & Bates, now Bates Brothers Company, manufacturers of pocket books. He soon won promotion to the position of foreman, and at the death of Mr. Charles A. Bates, who had been a member of the concern for many years, Mr. Caswell was made superintendent of the plant, an office which he still ably fills. He is a director of the Athol Coöperative Bank, and by political affiliation is a Democrat, taking only the interest of the progressive citizen however, in public affairs. Mr. Caswell is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons, and the Knights Templar, of Athol; also the Poquaug Club of Athol, Massachusetts. His religious affiliation is with the First Church, Unitarian, Inc., of Athol.

Mr. Caswell married, at South Deerfield, Massachusetts, August 13, 1861, Elizabeth E. Perkins, who was born at Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, and is a daughter of John Perkins.

ALBERT W. FARWELL—Broadly active in the world of mechanics for many years, Albert W. Farwell, of Worcester County, Massachusetts, is bearing a worthy and constructive part in present-day advance in his field, and the industries of this section are feeling the influence of his work. He has now for more than thirty-three years been associated with the W. A. Fuller Lumber Company and a branch company, the F. M. Johnson Lumber Company, of Fitchburg. His public services also contribute in a definite way to the general welfare. Mr. Farwell is descended from distinguished ancestry, is a grandson of Levi and Lucy (Willard) Farwell, early settlers of Lancaster, Massachusetts, and in their day prominent in the business and social circles of the community. Levi Daniel Farwell, son of these parents and father of the subject of this review, was born in Lancaster, Massachusetts, but was for many years a resident of Clinton, also in this county, and was a successful carpenter, prominent in the entire section. He married Christianna Cunningham, daughter of John and

Louisa (Rice) Cunningham, the father a native of Scotland, the mother a direct descendant of the historic "Mayflower" company of 1620.

Albert W. Farwell was born at Clinton, Massachusetts, November 5, 1868. His education was begun in the local public schools, and, following his completion of the high school course, he covered special work in mechanical drawing and general drafting at evening school. Serving an apprenticeship to the trades of machinist and steam engineer, Mr. Farwell gained his first experience in the plant of the Bigelow Carpet Company, now the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company of Clinton. Following this activity he went to Oil City, Pennsylvania, where for about one year he was identified with the Oil Well Supply Company, as machinist and tool-maker. Thereafter returning to his native place, Mr. Farwell became associated with the W. A. Fuller Lumber Company of Clinton and Leominster. This was in November of the year 1890, and he has since continuously remained with these interests. Since the organization of the F. M. Johnson Lumber Company, Mr. Farwell has had entire charge of production in both plants, the main offices of the company being at Leominster. He acts as consulting engineer as well as production manager. A resident of the town of Sterling, Mr. Farwell has been more or less active in the public service for a considerable period, and in recent years has filled official responsibility, now acting as clerk of the Board of Selectmen, on which board he has served since the year 1920. During the same period he has been Overseer of the Poor, and he has frequently served on various committees, including the Republican Town Committee. He is also a member of the Board of Library Trustees. Mr. Farwell is further active for the general good as a mechanical expert in legal cases arising from accidents of various kinds. Fraternally he is affiliated with Clinton Lodge, No. 89, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a member of the Unitarian church, in the choir of which church he has sung for many years.

Mr. Farwell married, at Sterling, Massachusetts, December 24, 1900, Annie M. Nixon, daughter of Charles Otis and Maria (Pratt) Nixon.

CHARLES M. PROCTOR, D. M. D.—Bearing a famous name long of beneficent significance both in old England and New England, Dr. Charles M. Proctor of Southboro, Massachusetts, is giving to the progress of dental science to-day a threefold service; efficiency in practice, ability in public addresses on the subject of his profession, and the permanence of original research in printed form. Locally, Dr. Proctor's fame is a matter of pride to the people, as well as direct benefit through his service as a dental practitioner, and to all who are familiar with the Proctor family in New England, his life and career are of interest.

The name of Proctor is derived from the Latin *procurator*, signifying one who acts for another, i. e., a proxy. An ancient family in England, the Proctors were originally prominent in Yorkshire, but at the beginning of the sixteenth century the family was established at Shawdon. Robert Proctor, the pioneer in America, came to New England and was made a free-

man at Concord, Massachusetts, in 1643. Ten years later he was one of the founders of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, the story of this settlement being one of historic interest. In association with Richard Hildreth, his father-in-law, and twenty-seven other pioneers of the time, Robert Proctor petitioned the General Court in 1653 for a "grant of land six miles square, to begin at Merrimack River at a neck of land next to Concord River and so run up Concord River, south and west into the country to make up that circumference or quantity of land as is above expressed." Mr. Proctor married, December 31, 1645, Jane Hildreth, the eldest daughter of Richard Hildreth, of Concord and Chelmsford, the ancestor of the Hildreths of America, who died at Chelmsford in 1688, and whose younger daughter, Abigail, became the wife of Moses Parker. Robert Proctor's elder children were born in Chelmsford, but his younger children, to the number of four or five, were born in Concord. Among his descendants many settled in the neighboring towns, but others pressed into the wilderness, founding settlements in New Hampshire, Vermont and New York State, and eventually scattering far into the West. Robert Proctor died April 28, 1697, in Chelmsford, and twelve children survived him. The line of descent from Robert Proctor is through James (I), James (II), James (III), Jonathan, James (IV), Hiel and Isaac K. Jonathan Proctor was a drummer of the Second Precinct Company of Woburn during the Revolutionary War and saw active service in the battle of Bennington. James (IV) Proctor was a soldier in Captain Jeremiah Marston's company of New Hampshire, this company being a part of Colonel John Goffe's regiment, and served in the Colonial forces at the battle of Crown Point and other actions in the Revolutionary War. He died on his way home from Ticonderoga, November 11, 1776.

Isaac K. Proctor, the eighth and direct descendant from Robert, the immigrant, and father of Dr. Proctor, was born at Franklin, New Hampshire, and later became a resident of Chelsea and Malden, Massachusetts. He married Emma Bucknam, a native of Columbia Falls, Maine, and a member of a prominent family of that section.

Charles M. Proctor, son of Isaac K. and Emma (Bucknam) Proctor, was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, March 29, 1880. His early education was received in the public schools of Malden, Massachusetts, and as a young man he realized an early ambition in entering Tuft's College Dental School, where he prepared for his chosen profession. He was graduated from that institution in 1901, receiving his degree in dentistry. He has been active in practice since in Boston, his offices now being at No. 19 Bay State Road in that city, while he resides at Oak Hill Road, Southboro, Massachusetts. Dr. Proctor's largest prominence has been won through his institutional activities and his authoritative writings on topics connected with dental science. In 1912 he was appointed demonstrator of clinical dentistry at Tuft's College Dental School, then three years later he was elected assistant professor of oral surgery, eventually, in 1918, being elected professor of oral surgery, which position he has since ably filled.

On October 24, 1904, Mr. Proctor was elected an

active member of the Massachusetts Dental Society, and has served as its councillor from the metropolitan district during the years 1910, 1911, and 1912. He was elected assistant secretary in 1912 and served until 1915, when he was elected to the presidency. He is an ex-president of the East Middlesex Dental Society; a member of the American Medical Association; the American Dental Association; the American Academy of Dental Science; the Robert R. Andrews Society of Research of Tuft's College; an honorary member of the Maine Dental Society; a member of the Psi Omega dental fraternity, and the Boston and Tufts Dental Alumni Association; consultant in oral surgery at the Carney Hospital; oral surgeon to the Roxbury Hospital, Boston Dispensary, and Marlboro Hospital, Marlboro, Massachusetts. He was formerly a member of the visiting staff of the Forsyth Dental Infirmary and Massachusetts General Hospital. He is a member of the First District Dental Society of New York and also a member of the Clinical and Surgical Association of Massachusetts, Sixth International Dental Congress of London in 1914, and the Panama-Pacific Dental Congress in 1916. During the World War he was State director of the Preparedness League of American Dentists, under the direction of the Commission of Public Safety. He is a member of the Boston Medical Library Association.

The published work of Dr. Proctor includes the following, which have been published in various professional journals allied to dentistry: "Infections Through the Dental Path," "Oral Sepsis," "Character as Developed by Dentistry," "Do We Justify Our Existence?" "Dental Officers on the Hospital Staff," "Pyorrhoëa Alveolaris," "Independent Journalism as a Factor in Elevating Our Professional Position," "The Need of the Dental and Oral Surgeon on the Hospital Staff," "The Dental Profession and the War," "A Young Doctor's Sign," "New Facts About Osteogenesis," "Mouth Hygiene," "The Power of the Machine"; president's address to the Massachusetts Dental Society, in June, 1916; address delivered at the fiftieth anniversary of the Maine State Dental Society, June 30, 1915; address delivered at the dedication of the memorial to Dr. Chester Twitchell Stockwell, Springfield, Massachusetts, October 14, 1915.

Dr. Proctor is widely affiliated in fraternal circles, being a member of Converse Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, and is a member of the Past Masters' Association of the Seventh Masonic District of Massachusetts; is also a member of St. Bernard's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Omar Grotto of Southboro, Massachusetts; Tabernacle Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest; Melrose Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Malden, Massachusetts; De Molay Commandery, Knights Templar, of Boston; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; also the Royal Arcanum and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His clubs are: The University Club of Boston, Framingham Country Club, and he served as a member of the Southboro School Committee during 1918 to 1921, and was chairman of the board the last year. His religious affiliation is with the Newton Center Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a steward.

Dr. Proctor married, April 12, 1903, Clara M. Shute, of Malden, Massachusetts. Dr. and Mrs. Proctor are the parents of four children: Robert Raisbeck; Virginia Kent, Helen Bucknam, and Aurelie Louise.

HERBERT M. ABBOTT was born at Lawrence, Massachusetts, February 28, 1886, and is a son of William E. and Eveline R. (Landers) Abbott, his father a native of Hancock, Maine, and the mother of Kingfield, Maine, both now living and the father prominent in the textile industry in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Educated in the public and high schools of the city of Lawrence, Mr. Abbott became identified, at the age of twenty years with the Lawrence National Bank, beginning in the capacity of messenger. For five years he was active with this institution, and when the Merchants' Trust Company took over the Lawrence National Bank he remained with the new organization until 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Army, his record following below. Subsequent to his discharge from the service, Mr. Abbott came to Worcester, where he became associated with the Merchants' National Bank, accepting the position of auditor. This he filled until February, 1921, when he became vice-president and treasurer of the Parker Trust Company, in which capacity he acted until July 1, 1922. On that date this institution was consolidated with the Merchants' National Bank and Mr. Abbott became a vice-president of the new institution, in which capacity he still serves. His broad experience and native ability well fit him for the responsibilities of this position, and while conservative and cautious, he is still a man of progressive spirit and broad vision, and his connection with this institution is a force for its advance.

Mr. Abbott's military record began with his enlistment on May 15, 1917. He was sent to the Plattsburg Training Camp, where he was commissioned second lieutenant of the Quartermasters' Corps on August 15, 1917. On the first day of September he was transferred to Camp Devens, Massachusetts, where he was made assistant finance officer and served in this capacity until July 14, 1918. He then went overseas with the 76th Division and served as finance officer with this division until October 30, 1919, during this period being promoted to the rank of captain. He received his discharge from the service on the last mentioned date and is now captain of the Reserve Corps and finance officer of the 94th Division. Mr. Abbott is identified with Phœnician Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Lawrence, Massachusetts; and Lawrence Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and also the American Legion. He is a prominent member of the Lions Club of Worcester, of which he is at this time (1923) president; a member of the Commonwealth Club and the Automobile Club. He holds a seat in the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he serves on the board of trustees.

Mr. Abbott married, on October 29, 1921, Grace Sears, who was born in Worcester, and is a member of a prominent family of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott are the parents of a daughter, Shirley Evelyn Abbott, born June 12, 1923.

CHARLES A. KIDDER—With the exception of twelve years, the entire period of the active career of Charles A. Kidder has been identified with the banking concern of Kidder, Peabody & Company, of Boston, with which firm he is now associated as manager of the transfer department.

Mr. Kidder was born in Boston, Massachusetts, July 22, 1858, son of Henry P. and Caroline W. (Archbald) Kidder, and after receiving a good practical education in the public schools of Boston, prepared for college in the Noble Preparatory School, and then became a student in Harvard College, from which he was graduated in 1879 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Immediately after the completion of his college course, he secured a position with Kidder, Peabody & Company, bankers of Boston, beginning his connection with that firm as a clerk, and finally, in 1886, becoming a member of the firm. Three years later, in 1889, he resigned, severing his connection with the firm both as a member of the firm and as an employee. In 1901 he renewed his connection with Kidder, Peabody & Company, however, and at the present time he is the efficient manager of the transfer department. Along with his business responsibilities Mr. Kidder has found time for club association and now holds membership in the Somerset Club, the Exchange Club, and the Harvard Club, all of Boston. Mr. Kidder is well known in the Southboro and Boston section of Worcester County, having many friends in both places.

Charles A. Kidder married, on October 11, 1888, Josephine Burnett, daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Cutter) Burnett, of Southboro, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Kidder are the parents of two children: 1. Francis Fiske, born December 2, 1892, died January 30, 1893. 2. Henry P., of whom further.

Henry P. Kidder was born October 2, 1895. He received his early education in the Fay School, and then became a student in St. Mark's School at Southboro, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914. He matriculated the following fall in Harvard College, from which he was graduated in 1918 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War he at once enlisted and was located at the Recruiting Officers' Training Camp at Plattsburg, New York, from April 17 to August 15, 1917. He was commissioned first lieutenant of artillery, Officers' Reserve Corps, August 15, 1917, and two days later was assigned to the 302d Field Artillery and transferred to Camp Devens, at Ayer, Massachusetts. He served with that unit until the time of departure for France, July 14, 1918, at which time he was appointed regimental information officer, in which capacity he was in active service at the front in France, serving in the Meuse-Argonne sector during the St. Hilaire offensive campaign, and being returned with his regiment May 13, 1919. He received his honorable discharge from service in May, 1919, and is now associated with Kidder, Peabody & Company, of Boston.

Henry P. Kidder married Julia E. Howell, daughter of George D. and Grace (Hurd) Howell, of Boston, the ceremony taking place June 24, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Kidder reside at Concord, Massachusetts.



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REV. DENIS P. SULLIVAN—Worcester County, Massachusetts, has given to every branch of human endeavor men who have become leaders, teachers, and disciples of progress, and no less in the church than in the professions and the industries have the sons of Worcester County gone forth to high endeavor. Rev. Denis P. Sullivan, who was born in this country and reared in its institutions, has done a wonderful work in distant places, following here and there at the call of duty, and within the past few years has returned to this part of his native State as pastor of the Roman Catholic church of Uxbridge.

Father Sullivan was born at Gilbertville, Massachusetts, November 5, 1875, and is a son of Michael and Mary (Carroll) Sullivan. His education was begun in the local schools and continued in the Ware High School. Dedicated to the priesthood from his youth, he then entered Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1897, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Later going to Montreal, he entered the Grand Seminary of that city, from which he was graduated in 1899, then going abroad to complete his studies, he attended St. Sulpice Seminary at Paris, France, and was ordained in Paris August 15, 1901. Returning to this country, Father Sullivan received his first appointment as curate at St. Peter's Cathedral at Marquette, Michigan, where he served until 1902. He was then appointed to Gladstone, Michigan, as pastor, and serving there for two years, he later came to Springfield, Massachusetts, as pastor in 1904, remaining for four years. He was then sent to South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, where he served as pastor until April, 1913, when he was sent to Shelburne Falls. Active there until December, 1919, he came to Uxbridge at that time and has since served the people of this church with devotion and ability. In all his work in these various parishes, Father Sullivan has been most active in building up the churches and leading the people to higher moral responsibility and spiritual attainment. The organizations connected with the church through which the people are benefited both spiritually and materially have felt the inspiration and impetus of his constant care. Since coming to Uxbridge Father Sullivan has done much for the local church, taking up his duties with the high courage and faith of the true apostle. He has increased the membership of the church and improved and beautified the church property. He commands the esteem and confidence of his contemporaries of the cloth, irrespective of denominational differences, and in all the work of civic and welfare organizations in the community, lends his influence for widespread good and constant progress. During the World War he served on Liberty Bond committees, and in every way did all in his power to promote the many welfare activities of the period. He is chaplain of the Knights of Columbus of Uxbridge, and also the Daughters of Isabella and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

SETH H. HOWES, manager of the Marlboro Dairy Company, Inc., of Marlboro, Massachusetts, is one of the well-known citizens of Worcester County. He was born in Chatham, Massachusetts (on the Cape) October

2, 1862, son of Seth C. and Jedidiah (Ryder) Howes. Throughout his childhood and youth the subject of this sketch was constantly associated with seacoast activities. From the time he was old enough to be of use in the care of a boat he followed the sea, and during the vacations and other periods when he was not attending school, he was frequently to be found fishing off the banks of Newfoundland. He attended the public schools of his native district, and after the completion of his high school course became a student in Comer's Business College of Boston. When his commercial course was completed he secured a position with Mahn & Barnes, of South Natick, Massachusetts, a firm which was engaged in the manufacture of baseballs. For about a year he was identified with that concern in the capacity of clerk. At the end of that time he removed to Medfield, Massachusetts, where he found employment with the Medfield Straw Factory in the capacity of general handy man. That connection he maintained for a short time and then, in 1883, became associated with the Deerfoot Farm, and during that period his energy, ability, and faithfulness were important factors in the rapid development of that branch of the enterprise. In 1918 he resigned his position as manager of the dairy department of the Deerfoot Farm in order to accept a position as treasurer of the Grafton County Dairy Company of Haverhill, New Hampshire, which official position he still holds. Although still holding the last-named position (1923), Mr. Howes has recently (1922) been engaged as manager of the New Marlboro Dairy Company, Inc., of Marlboro, Massachusetts. His long experience in the management of a modern dairy, combined with his general ability, enabled him to bring to the new enterprise just the qualities most needed to place the business on a firm foundation. Mr. Howes, who is a descendant of one of the "Mayflower" group, is related to the author of the well-known Hawes genealogy. He also traces to Elder William Brewster, John Howland, Elizabeth Tilley, the Hopkins, and other Colonial families, also to John Graham an officer in King Philip's War. He is deeply interested in the general subject of economics, and has devoted much time to the theoretical as well as to the practical aspects of that subject. Mr. Howes is a member of Marlboro Lodge, No. 1239, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Seth H. Howes married, on October 15, 1885, Catherine Lavelle, daughter of Michael and Ann (O'Toole) Lavelle, of Southboro, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Howes are the parents of eight children: 1. Robert Howard, who is now postmaster of Southboro, Massachusetts; married Mary Burke, and has two sons: Robert and Richard. 2. Addie Lavelle, who married Harry Wisell, and has one son, Donald. 3. Annie Azubah, who married Julian W. Pollard; now resides in Washington, District of Columbia. 4. Seth Francis, who married Ruth Bullard, and they have two daughters: Ruth and Catherine. 5. Ellen Bryan, who married Daniel F. Buckley, and has one daughter, Catherine. 6. Alfred Winslow. 7. Richard Odin. 8. Constance Catherine.

PHILIP HENRY DUPREY—Real estate operations are the field which Mr. Duprey has made the chief instrument of his service to his community, and although

he has, on occasion, accepted public office, it has not been necessary for him to leave the duties of every day to find an effective means for the advancement of the general welfare. The largest and most successful real estate operator of Worcester, he has through over a quarter of a century of consistently resultful effort ably fostered the progress and, literally and figuratively, the upbuilding of the community.

Mr. Duprey is a descendant of French-Canadian ancestry, the line founded in Massachusetts by his grandfather, Henry Duprey, who came to this State from his Canadian home. Mr. Duprey's father was Joseph H. Duprey, deceased, a farmer of West Boylston; his mother, Addie Duprey of Parisian French parentage, now living in Worcester. Joseph H. and Addie Duprey were the parents of: Philip Henry, of whom further; Joseph H., head of the Duprey-Faulman Company, dealers in table necessities at Detroit, Michigan; Celina, who married Frank J. Bousquet, of Worcester.

Philip Henry Duprey was born in West Boylston, Worcester County, Massachusetts, September 29, 1877, and was educated in the public schools of Worcester and St. Ann's Parochial School, where he perfected his knowledge of the French language, which he speaks as fluently as English. He was fourteen years of age when he began active life, entering the office of a real estate dealer as office boy, and gaining, as opportunity presented itself, a general knowledge of the business. On March 1, 1897, before he had attained his majority, he established an independent enterprise with a capital of fifty dollars. He opened a real estate office in the Walker building on Main Street, Worcester, his early activity being agent for property owners in negotiating sales. Possessing a strong natural aptitude for this line of work and early adopting the straightforward policies that have dominated all his dealings, he acquired substantial standing among local realtors. As his resources increased he began independent development, and he has now to his credit the development of more sub-divisions than any other individual in Worcester. One of the most noted of these is "Hillcroft," while others are Indian Lake Park, within two miles of the business center of Worcester, adjoining Indian Lake and approached by Grove Street and Salisbury Park, on Salisbury Street, covering seventy-five acres, twenty acres of which have been laid out as a park. That aspect of Mr. Duprey's work which has reacted most beneficially upon community life has been his encouragement of individuals of moderate means in home owning. Large initial payments have never attracted him, for he has found his customers among salaried working men, to whom he has extended terms and credit to meet their needs, their character, and records the prime consideration in the transaction. The houses which Mr. Duprey has built in such large numbers constitute a real artistic, as well as economic, asset to Worcester, where he has for many years been one of the heaviest taxpayers. He is widely known as one of the best informed authorities on realty values in Worcester and vicinity, and for twenty-two years has been appraiser of real estate for the Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank, although the best of his energies and time have been given to his real estate business and an insurance and mortgage business that has naturally ac-

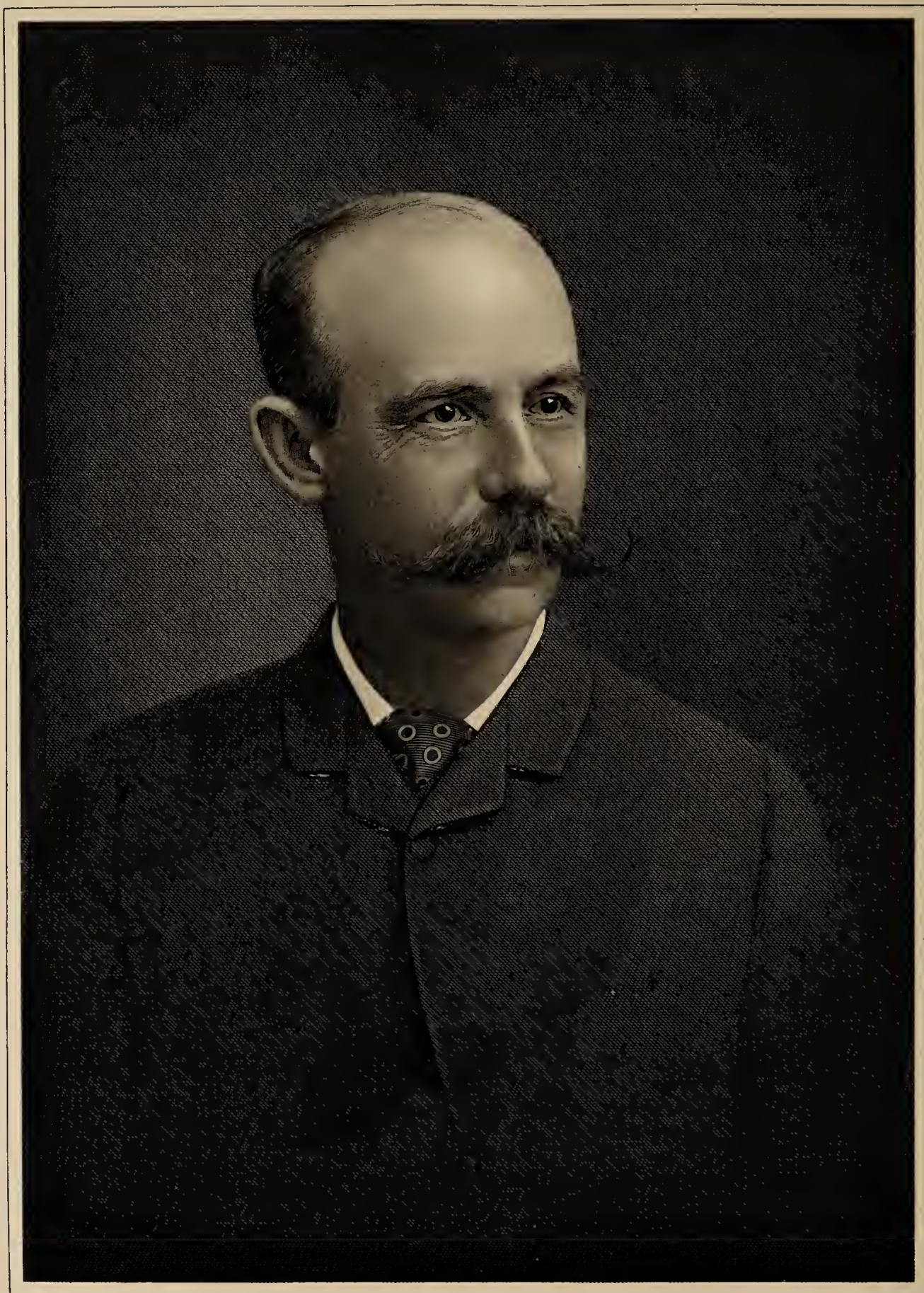
companied it. Mr. Duprey has discharged executive responsibilities as president of the Worcester Lunch Car Manufacturing Company, pioneer builders of lunch cars, and as president of the People's Loan Association.

Mr. Duprey is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his clubs are the Worcester Automobile, of which he is a director, the Worcester Country, and the Commonwealth. A Republican in politics, he has long taken a public-spirited part in public matters, and as the representative of Ward One, in the Worcester City Council, has served on numerous important committees, including finance, streets, water, education, public buildings, and military. He is a man of pleasing personality, whose touch with community life has been helpful and constantly conducive toward progress and improvement.

Mr. Duprey married, January 6, 1904, Clara Frances Mulvey, daughter of James and Margaret (Claffey) Mulvey, and they are the parents of: Dorothea M., who was born November 21, 1906; Ruth O., who was born June 18, 1909; Barbara J., who was born March 28, 1911, and Mary E., who was born December 8, 1914. The family home is a beautiful residence on Kenwood Avenue, and their summer home is at Bass Rocks, Gloucester, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM C. KLEBART—Allied with the construction world in the wholesale and retail distribution of plumbing supplies, Mr. Klebart is bearing a very practical part in the community advance of Webster, Massachusetts. He has had experience in various lines of business activity, and is a son of Albin and Eliza (Steinberg) Klebart, his father for many years active in the hotel business in Webster.

William C. Klebart was born at Putnam, Connecticut, April 5, 1871. Four months old when the family moved to Webster, Massachusetts, he acquired his education in the public schools of this community, and as a young lad was employed at various clerical jobs such as a boy can handle, then, after a time, took over his father's hotel business. This he continued successfully for a number of years, after which he bought the Webster Press, Inc., and was associated with this enterprise with his cousin, Henry J. Steinberg. This is a weekly paper enjoying a wide circulation, and connected with it is a thriving job printing business. The young men changed the name of the firm to Klebart & Steinberg, Inc., but eventually sold the interest, and the name of the paper has since been changed to the Webster "Times." Mr. Klebart's next venture was in the plumbing supply business, and he opened a store at Webster, under the title of the Webster & Putnam Plumbing Supply House. Covering a wide field as jobbers of plumbing and heating supplies, Mr. Klebart is now associated with George A. Rawley, of Putnam, in partnership. In addition to the general run of small supplies the firm represents the Standard Sanitary Company, manufacturers of enameled iron plumbing fittings, the American Radiator Company's products, the United States Radiator Company's products, and other important stocks. They have achieved marked success and are doing an extensive and constantly growing business, keeping in touch with the movements of the times and giving the people



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of Webster and vicinity a comprehensive and up-to-date service in their field. Mr. Klebart's other business affiliations include directorship in the Webster National Bank and the Webster Coöperative Bank. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has for a number of years been prominent in public life, serving for two years as chairman of the Republican Town Committee, and for seven years on the Board of Selectmen. Following the close of that period of activity Mr. Klebart was not a member of that board for two years, but was reëlected in 1922 and is now serving. During the World War he was very active on all committees, having in charge the various drives of that time. Mr. Klebart is an associate member of the Grand Army of the Republic also of the Sons of Veterans. Fraternally he is a leading member of Webster Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Doric Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Southbridge; the chapter, Royal and Select Masters, of Webster; Massachusetts Consistory, and Aletheia Grotto, of Webster. He also holds membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Foresters of America, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Siegel Lodge, D. O. H.

Mr. Klebart married Elizabeth A. Rawley, of Putnam, Connecticut, daughter of Thomas and Lena (Falk) Rawley, the former was superintendent of a woolen mill in that section; they reside in Putnam. Mr. and Mrs. Klebart have one son, William A. R.

FREDERICK H. SPRAGUE was born at North Dana, Massachusetts, in the year 1866, and is a son of Elbridge and Ellen (Doane) Sprague, lifelong residents of the town of North Dana. Mr. Sprague's father was for a great many years in the meat business.

Frederick H. Sprague received only a common school education, and in 1880 became clerk in the country store of Lindsey & Freeman, in North Dana. In 1882 he entered the employment of the Orange Clothing Company, Orange, Massachusetts, as clerk, where he continued until 1892, when he began the manufacture of men's pants in connection with George E. Whitney, of South Royalston, Massachusetts, under the name of Fred'k H. Sprague & Company, Orange, Massachusetts, putting their work out to families to make at home, and were burned out in the big fire at Orange in 1892. In 1899 the firm was changed to Mann & Sprague, and in 1904 Frank L. Grout bought out the interests of T. S. Mann, and they continued the business under the name of Fred'k H. Sprague Company. In 1916 they moved to Fitchburg, where they continue to manufacture boys' clothing only. In 1917 Mr. Sprague was made manager of the Fitchburg Garment Company, of which Russell B. Lowe is proprietor, where they manufacture girls' gingham dresses. In 1919, on the death of Frank L. Grout, the Orange factory was reorganized under the name of Sprague, Grout & Lowe, Inc., of which Mr. Sprague is vice-president and general manager, where they manufacture men's and boys' pants. Mrs. Frank L. Grout retains the interest of Frank L. Grout in the Fred'k H. Sprague Company. Mr. Sprague, to-day, is the active manager of these three concerns, which are known to the trade as "The Sprague Lines."

He is past president of the "Old Home Day" at North

Dana, chairman of the Orange Centenary of 1910. He is a director of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with the Orange Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Fitchburg; Orange Commandery, Knights Templar; Social Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Orange; Fitchburg Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Orange Lodge, Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Sprague takes a deep interest in many branches of welfare and benevolent activities, and is president of the Fitchburg Council of Boy Scouts. His further affiliations include membership in the Rotary and Fay clubs, of Fitchburg.

Mr. Sprague married, in January, 1890, Lillian P. Carter, of Athol, Massachusetts, daughter of Alba and Hannah (Morse) Carter.

EDWIN CHESTER DEXTER—The town of Petersham, Massachusetts, has, during the last year, been conscious of a vacancy which cannot easily be filled. Many citizens of high merit and large ability have contributed to the civic, social, and economic welfare of the community, but few have occupied so large a place in the esteem of their associates in that town as the late Edwin C. Dexter, who though born in Albany, New York, devoted the latter part of his life to the advancement of the interests of Petersham.

The Dexter family is an old one in England and New England, dating back to Thomas Dexter, who came to America either with the Endicott in 1629, or in the fleet with Governor Winthrop in 1630. He settled in 1630 on a farm of eight hundred acres, in the town of Lynn, Massachusetts, and in 1631 was made a freeman. His house was on the west bank of the Saugus River, where the Saugus Iron Works were later built. In 1633 he built a bridge over the river, stretched a weir across it, and afterward built a mill there. He was largely interested in the establishment of the Lynn Iron Works, interested English capital in the enterprise, and became general manager but when convinced of the unprofitableness of the enterprise, withdrew. He was an impulsive man, often involved in law suits, and at one time temporarily lost his rights as a freeman. He acquired extensive tracts of land, and spent his last days with his daughter Mary, wife of Captain Oliver, in Boston, where he died in 1677. He had two sons, Thomas and William; and two daughters, Mary and Frances. The line of descent from the immigrant ancestor, Thomas Dexter, to Edwin C. Dexter, is through the immigrant's son, William; his son, John; his son, John (2); his son David; his son, Charles; his son, Chester, and his son, Edwin Chester, of further mention.

Edwin Chester Dexter was born in Albany, New York, March 21, 1845, and after attending a private school in Troy, New York, for a short time, became a student in the public schools of that city. He then went to Wilbraham Academy, and after completing his academic course, finished his preparation for an active life by taking a business course in the Bryant & Stratton School. He found his first remunerative employment with J. M. Warren Company, of Troy, with whom for two years he was employed as salesman. At the end of that time he was taken into the business of his uncle,

R. G. White, as the junior partner, the firm being organized under the name of White, Pevey & Dexter Company, pork packers, of Worcester, Massachusetts. At the time of the death of Mr. Pevey, Mr. White and Mr. Dexter sold their interests to the Swift Company and retired. Mr. Dexter then removed to Petersham, where he purchased the old Deacon Willard home, one of the oldest pieces of property in the town, and there in the midst of the old apple orchard planted by Deacon Willard nearly one hundred and fifty years ago, he built his home. His retirement from the active responsibilities of business life however, did not mean for him a period of idleness. During all of the years of his residence in Petersham he was one of the most active and energetic of its citizens, devoting the greater part of his time and energies to the advancement of the welfare of that community. He held at different times practically every office in the gift of the town, serving as Selectman for thirteen years, and in addition to his numerous civic responsibilities, the duties of which he met with considerable efficiency, he was also exceedingly active in the affairs of the Unitarian church. He served as treasurer of the new Unitarian Church Building Fund, and at the very first meeting raised \$20,000, a large sum to be raised so quickly in so small a town. For several years he served as superintendent of the Bureau of Highways, in which connection he came in contact with many business men and with many political officials of the county, and few men have been more popular in the town of Petersham than was Mr. Dexter. The business ability and the personal characteristics which won for him a ready success in the business affairs, also won him, in the town of Petersham, an enviable reputation for sound management and progressive principles. Politically he gave his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, but he considered the welfare of the town and of the county, rather than party success, as the goal toward which a public official should strive. Wherever he came in contact with other citizens, whether in business, social or political connection, he won new friends, who in the course of time became old friends, and who learned to hold him in the highest esteem both as a public-spirited citizen and as a personal friend of sterling qualities of character. He was a member of the Commonwealth Club of Worcester, Massachusetts, and his religious affiliation was with the Unitarian church. His death, June 8, 1922, left a vacancy which the town of Petersham has not been able to fill, and caused the deepest grief among his many friends and associates. It is true, however, that though Mr. Dexter has passed from the scene of his labors of the latest years of his life, his influence has not passed with him, but remains, the potent influence for good in the community which he served so long and so well.

Mr. Dexter married (first) Alice F. White, of Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 2, 1886, and she died the same year. He married (second), on December 12, 1898, at Boston, Massachusetts, Mary V. Mackenzie, who was born in New Brunswick, Canada, February 14, 1870, Rev. George L. Perin performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Dexter are the parents of one child, Katherine Tyler, born February 5, 1901, at Petersham, Massachusetts, who attended Dana Hall and Miss Capen's

School, and upon the completion of her education engaged in private tutoring at home.

WILLIAM H. ROSE, M. D.—Standing among the foremost surgeons of Southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, Dr. William H. Rose is one of the most noteworthy figures in professional circles in the city of Worcester to-day. With rarely comprehensive training and the natural genius for his work, which counts for success in any field of endeavor, Dr. Rose has won an enviable position in his chosen field of endeavor. He is a son of John and Emma (Cooper) Rose, his father a master mechanic by occupation.

William H. Rose was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, February 20, 1876. His early education was received in the local public schools and he later covered the high school course in his native city. His choice of a profession early made, he entered Harvard University Medical School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1898, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Shortly thereafter he entered Boston City Hospital as interne, and was active in the surgical service of that institution until the year 1900. Then, with the purpose of specializing, Dr. Rose associated himself with the Boston Lying-in Hospital, where he was active for a year or more. Coming to the Worcester City Hospital in 1902, he was active in that institution as obstetrician for ten years, meanwhile, also, from 1902, he served as chief surgeon for the American Steel and Wire Company. Since 1912 Dr. Rose has acted as consulting obstetrician for the Worcester City Hospital, and in 1903 he became assistant surgeon at the Memorial Hospital, and has been surgeon there for about ten years. He has also developed an extensive private practice wholly along surgical lines. He has gained a wide reputation as an authority along the line of his specialty, and in all surgical science he is counted among those men who are pioneers in worthy effort in every branch of professional advance. He is a member of the American Medical Association; is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society. Politically he supports the Republican party, but takes only the interest of the progressive citizen in public affairs, his time being wholly commanded by the exactions of his profession. Fraternally he is affiliated with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. His clubs are: The Worcester and the Tatnuck Country. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Dr. Rose married, at Winchester, Massachusetts, November 10, 1908, Grace M. Martin, daughter of William and Susan (Hopkins) Martin.

JOHN F. HAYDEN, one of the foremost figures in the public life of the town of Athol, Massachusetts, whose career has been spent in local public affairs, and whose business ability is counting in a marked degree for the welfare and advance of the community, is a man of energy and initiative, possessed of the good

judgment which form an excellent balance for these characteristics, and his work is of broad significance to the people.

John F. Hayden was born in Athol, Massachusetts, July 12, 1879. Receiving his early education in the elementary and grammar schools of the community, he was graduated from Athol High School in the class of 1895. Thereafter making special preparations for his career at Prouty's Business College, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1897. He at once became identified with the public service of the community as Tax Collector, in which responsible office he served for a period of twelve years. He has also acted as a member of the Board of Assessors for seven years, and for a similar period he has been identified with the Athol Board of Trade as secretary of that body, which office he still ably fills, having been also one of the founders. In this connection he serves as secretary of the Town Hall Building Commission and the Town By-Laws Commission, and is one of the promoters and a trustee of the Athol Fair Association. Mr. Hayden's ability to grasp every phase of a situation is counting far for the public advance, and his far-sightedness and general efficiency make him an able and useful public servant. During the World War he was a member of the Massachusetts National Guard (1917-18), also one of the founders of the Public Safety Association. He also was a "four-minute" man, speaking in various sections of the State. Fraternally Mr. Hayden is very prominent, being a member of the Foresters of America, in which order he held the office of Grand Chief Ranger of the State of Massachusetts, being elected in 1922, this placing him at the head of the order in this State, and is now Supreme Deputy in the national order for the State. He is also a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Columbus, the Improved Order of Red Men, and Order of Pocahontas, and a member of Gardner Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the High School Alumni Association, of which he is past president; the High School Athletic Council, one of the founders and vice-president; and the Poquaug Club. In the benevolences and the charitable endeavors of the community he takes a deep interest, and serves as a member and trustee of the Hospital Association, also as vice-president of the Athol Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a member of the Massachusetts Collectors' Association, the Massachusetts Assessors' Association, and other bodies of organized endeavor. He is identified with the Church of Our Lady Immaculate.

GRANBY A. BRIDGES—In the manufacturing activities of Worcester, Massachusetts, Mr. Bridges holds a noteworthy position as treasurer of the Williams & Bridges Company, for in the product of this concern one of the daily needs of various industries of Worcester is filled. It is in the manufacture of wood and paper boxes and packing cases that this concern has gained its present eminence, and they stand among the progressive and enterprising industrial organizations of the day in Worcester County. Mr. Bridges is a son of Augustus Bridges, who was born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and was active in the shoe industry until his

death, which occurred in the year 1906. The mother, Sarah A. (Stevens) Bridges, was born in Phillipston, Massachusetts, and died in 1914.

Granby A. Bridges was born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, August 18, 1859. His education was received in the public schools of his native place, and following the completion of his studies he became active in the express business, which he carried forward for about ten years. His next experience was in the shoe industry, and he was employed in this field for a similar period. He then became affiliated with his present associates as a member of the firm of Williams & Bridges. This enterprise is one of the long established industrial organizations of the city of Worcester, having been founded in the year 1840 by I. N. Keyes, who continued at the head of the business for fifty-six years. Then, in 1896, the plant was purchased by George A. and W. K. Williams, and the business was continued under the name of Williams Brothers. Only a year later, however, a further change in the name was occasioned when Mr. Bridges purchased an interest, and thenceforward until its incorporation the concern was known as Williams & Bridges. When the incorporation took place, in 1904, the title of the concern became Williams & Bridges Company. At that time Fred H. Claflin was received into the concern and the officials became as follows: G. A. Williams, president; F. H. Claflin, vice-president; and G. A. Bridges, treasurer. Mr. Claflin was made president in 1910, and since the death of Mr. Williams, in 1918, the business has been carried forward without change of name by Messrs. Bridges and Claflin. They manufacture a general line of wood and paper boxes and packing cases, and with their main plant located at Nos. 74-86 Central Street, Worcester, they employ about eighty people, this being probably the largest concern in this field in the city of Worcester. In the year 1889 a branch factory was established in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and in 1910 this plant was removed to the town of Framingham, where it is still located, and is one of the prosperous industries of that place. Mr. Bridges is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and when a resident of Hopkinton served for one term on the Board of Selectmen; but the demands of his business have latterly prevented his participating in an official capacity in public affairs. He is a prominent member of the Masonic order, belonging to both the York and Scottish Rite bodies, including the consistory and Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Rotary Club, attends the Congregational church, and is affiliated with the Congregational Club.

Mr. Bridges married Edith L. Howard, who was born in the city of Worcester.

HON. ALBERT E. HUTT—Strength of spirit and singleness of purpose are leading characteristics of Albert E. Hutt, whose prominence in southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, is a matter of many years standing, and has brought about his present service as a Representative of the town of Southboro, Massachusetts, in the Legislature of the State. Mr. Hutt has been a resident of Southboro for forty years, and has borne a constructive, although largely unofficial part in

the growth of the community and its progress as a civic body. Mr. Hutt comes of sturdy pioneer ancestry of Nova Scotia, and is a son of Peter Hutt, who was an old time fisherman from the port of Halifax. Peter Hutt married Sarah Ann Conrad.

Albert E. Hutt was born in Tangier, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, near the city of Halifax, April 7, 1865. As a lad he attended the common schools of his native town. His father was drowned when he was four years old, and he worked in the gold mines in Tangier from his sixteenth to his eighteenth year. Coming to Southboro at the age of eighteen years he worked for the townspeople of this community in various position, such as gardening, farming, and teaming, and was employed by William Collins, and also by a Mrs. Chamberlain, acting as her gardener for five years. Later he was employed by Samuel Long for one year, when he bought the Simpson farm, where he now lives, and developed it in to a wonderfully fine and model place along the line of diversified farming. A tireless worker, and devoted to any undertaking with which he identifies himself, Mr. Hutt has won an enviable reputation as a man who accomplishes things without bluff or bluster, but with the force of the man of large mental resources. Furthermore, Mr. Hutt is a man who takes his own way, and gives to his associates or his opponent equal privileges along the pathway of progress, never casting a slur upon the name of another, no matter how widely his interests or principles may differ. Mr. Hutt has served the town on various committees, always keeping the best interest of the people in mind. He has cared little for the honors of public life, and except in committee work and the local activities that carry neither official title nor salary, he has not accepted public responsibility until recent years. He was elected to the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts, where he served in 1923 and 1924, and his reelection returned him to the same body. Mr. Hutt's record as a Legislator is one of honor and distinction, and the people feel that they are well represented in his activities at the State House. Mr. Hutt's quiet dignity and careful attention to every phase of the public business mark him as a man who deserves the esteem and confidence of the people, and he is constantly making new friends, while those who have known him long deeply esteem and admire him. Fraternally he holds membership in the Royal Arcanum, in which order he held the office of Deputy Grand Regent; and of Parkman Council, of Westboro, Massachusetts. He has been a member of the Patrons of Husbandry for thirty-eight years, and is influential in many branches of agricultural advance. He is a member of the City Club of Boston, and of the Royal Arcanum Club of Massachusetts, and he attends the Congregational church.

Albert E. Hutt married, December 24, 1890, Mary Ann Shellnutt, daughter of Henry Shellnutt, of Pleasant Harbor, Halifax County, Nova Scotia. Mr. and Mrs. Hutt are the parents of three children: Pearl, born October 16, 1892, now the wife of A. W. Ruggles; Walter, born in 1893, who is now associated with his father in the work of the farm; and Grace, born September 7, 1899. Mr. Hutt takes the greatest pride in his three grandchildren, who are the children of Mrs. Ruggles:

Cortland, born October 7, 1913; Vida Jane, born January 25, 1915; and Alberta Pearl, born August 10, 1917. The Hutt residence is on Middle Road, Southboro.

MILTON L. CUSHING is president and manager of the J. Cushing Company, one of the largest distributors of grain products in New England, in which concern he has been active for thirty-five years. He is a son of Milton Marble Cushing, who was a partner in the firm of J. Cushing Company from 1866 until his death in 1879, and a descendant in the tenth generation of Matthew Cushing, who was a son of Peter Cushing, of Hingham and Hingham, England, and whose ancestry has been traced through Peter (XX), Thomas (XIX), John (XVIII), William (XVII), Thomas (XVI), William (XV), through fourteen generations to one Hrolf Nefja Jarl, a Viking, whose deeds are recorded in the "Scandinavia Sagas," relating to the latter half of the eighth century.

(I.) Matthew Cushing, immigrant ancestor, was baptized in Hingham, England, March 2, 1589, died in Hingham, Massachusetts, September 30, 1660. With his wife, four sons, and his wife's sister Frances Beecroft, widow, he sailed from Ipswich in 1638, on the ship "Diligent," John Marton, master. He left England owing to religious troubles. He settled in Hingham, Massachusetts, where he at once became identified with public affairs. He was a town officer and a deacon of Rev. Thomas Hobart's church. He married, August 5, 1613, in England, Nazareth Pitcher, baptized October 30, 1586, died in Hingham, January 5, 1682, aged ninety-six, daughter of Henry Pitcher, of the family of Admiral Pitcher, of England, and they were the parents of five children: Daniel, of further mention; Jeremiah, baptized July 21, 1621; Matthew, baptized April 5, 1623; Deborah, baptized February 17, 1625, married Matthias Briggs; and John, born 1627.

(II.) Daniel Cushing, son of Matthew and Nazareth (Pitcher) Cushing, was baptized in Hingham, England, April 20, 1619, died December 3, 1700. He settled in Hingham, Massachusetts, where he was granted land in 1665. He was admitted a freeman in 1671, and was an active magistrate for many years. He was town clerk of Hingham and left a valuable set of records, which are of great value to the antiquary. From 1682 for many years he kept a general store. He was Selectman in 1665, and many years after; in 1680-82-95, deputy to the General Court. A book called "Extracts From the Minutes of Daniel Cushing of Hingham," with a photograph of his manuscript, etc., was printed in 1865. His will was dated September 11, 1693. He married (first), January 19, 1645, Lydia Gilman, born in England, died in Hingham, March 12, 1689, daughter of Edward and Mary (Clark) Gilman. He married (second), March 23, 1691, Elizabeth, widow of Captain John Thaxter, and daughter of Nicholas and Mary Jacob. Children born in Hingham: 1. Peter, born March 29, 1646. 2. Daniel, born July 23, 1648. 3. Deborah, born November 13, 1651, married (first), September 25, 1679, Henry Tarleton; (second), August 31, 1686, Rev. Benjamin Woodbridge, died January 15, 1710. 4. Jeremiah, born July 3, 1654. 5. Theophilus, of further mention. 6. Matthew, born July 15, 1660.

(III.) Captain Theophilus Cushing, son of Daniel and Lydia (Gilman) Cushing, was born in Hingham, Massachusetts, June 7, 1657, died January 7, 1717-18. He was a farmer and Selectman in 1697-1707-15, and a deputy to the General Court in 1702-03-04-07-13. His house was on Main Street, Hingham. He married, November 28, 1688, Mary Thaxter, born August 19, 1667, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Jacobs) Thaxter. She married (second), January 11, 1721-22, Captain Joseph Herrick, of Beverly. Children born in Hingham: Nehemiah, born July 18, 1689; Mary, born February 9, 1690-91, died August 8, 1699; Adam, born January 1, 1692-93; David, born in December, 1694; Abel, of further mention; Rachel, born August 17, 1698, died September 9, 1699; Mary, born September 26, 1701, died August 30, 1716; Theophilus, born June 16, 1703; Seth, born December 13, 1705; Deborah, born September 26, 1707, and Lydia, born February 13, 1709-10, died young.

(IV.) Captain Abel Cushing, son of Theophilus and Mary (Thaxter) Cushing, was born in Hingham, October 24, 1696, died May 20, 1750. He was a farmer and mill owner, and Selectman of Hingham for many years. His house was on South Pleasant Street. He married, November 24, 1720, Mary Jacob, born September 29, 1698, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Allen) Jacob. Children, born in Hingham: Mary, born August 12, 1722, died October 12, 1726; David, born July 12, 1724, died October 17, 1726; David, of further mention; Abel, born January 26, 1729-30, married, January 29, 1758, Hannah Crocker; Mary, born January 28, 1731-32, married, March 25, 1753, Rev. Daniel Shute; Laban, born February 21, 1733-34, died May 18, 1747; Infant, born January 21, 1736-37, died same day; Lydia, born April 23, 1738, married, January 31, 1759, Gideon Hayward; Abigail, born June 14, 1741, married, October 2, 1761, Thomas Hersey.

(V.) Colonel David Cushing, son of Abel and Mary (Jacob) Cushing, was born in Hingham, September 7, 1727, died February 15, 1800. He lived on Pleasant Street, Hingham, and was an energetic and prominent man in town affairs. He was Selectman in 1768-69-70-71-75-76. He served in the Revolution, fourth lieutenant of Captain Jotham Loring's Company, on the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775; sergeant in Captain Pyam Cushing's Company, Colonel Solomon Lovell's Regiment, at Hull and Dorchester in 1776; lieutenant-colonel of the same regiment, commissioned February 7, 1776; and colonel of the 2d Suffolk Regiment, in Brigadier General Lovell's Brigade, in 1778. He married (first), April 9, 1752, Ruth Lincoln, baptized February 25, 1732-33, died July 6, 1761, daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Cushing) Lincoln, of Hingham. He married (second), January 23, 1763, Mabel Gardner, born January 6, 1738-39, died August 14, 1798, daughter of Hosea and Mary (Whiting) Gardner. Children born in Hingham, by first wife: Ruth, born November 1, 1752, married, August 30, 1770, Perez Cushing; David, of further mention; Molly, born September 26, 1756, married, January 30, 1783, Joshua Mann; Jonathan, born April 13, 1759; Lydia, born June 2, 1761, married, September 3, 1786, Asaph Tracy. Children by second wife: Abel, born October 22, 1763, married, November 14, 1784, Sarah Wilder; Hosea, born May 29, 1765; Charles

Whiting, born November 7, 1766; Russell, born April 24, 1768, died February 2, 1851; Nancy, born March 10, 1770, died unmarried, December 27, 1835; Jane, born April 3, 1772, married, November 6, 1796, Lemuel Dwelley; Lucy, born October 18, 1773, married, May 24, 1798, David Lewis; Christiana, born March 14, 1775, died unmarried, July 1, 1822; Elnathan, born April 30, 1777, removed to Scituate; Jerusha, born February 3, 1779, died unmarried, September 18, 1862; Josiah, born April 8, 1781; and Mabel, born March 6, 1783, married, 1810, William Rouse, of Bath, Maine.

(VI.) Captain David Cushing, son of Colonel David and Ruth (Lincoln) Cushing, was born in Hingham, Massachusetts, July 2, 1754, and died May 3, 1827. He served in the Revolutionary War as fourth lieutenant in Captain Jotham Loring's (Hingham) company, in 1775, and also as sergeant in Captain Pyam Cushing's company, Colonel Solomon Lovell's regiment, in 1776. He took an active part in the public affairs of Hingham, serving as Constable in 1784, and consecutively through 1787, and also from 1790 to 1794 inclusive. He was a tanner, an innkeeper, and a farmer, and in 1798 he removed to Ashburnham, Massachusetts. He married, October 14, 1779, Hannah Cushing, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Leavitt) Cushing, who was born in Hingham, April 26, 1760, and died March 13, 1823. Their children were: Joseph, Hannah, David, Susannah, Laban, of further mention; Deborah, Moses, and Sarah Leavitt.

(VII.) Laban Cushing, son of Captain David and Hannah (Cushing) Cushing, was born in Hingham, Massachusetts, April 29, 1791, and died in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, October 17, 1847. He served as a drummer in the War of 1812, and in 1817 removed to Brooklyn, Pennsylvania, from which place he returned to Ashburnham, Massachusetts, in 1830. He married, April 23, 1811, Nancy Whitney, daughter of Silas Whitney. She died in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, January 27, 1871. Their children were: Nancy Whitney, Sarah Whittington, Joseph, of further mention; Laban, Rebecca, Susan, Mary Jane, Charles G., Harriet Maria, George Russell, David M., and Hannah Elizabeth.

(VIII.) Joseph Cushing, son of Laban and Nancy (Whitney) Cushing, was born in Brooklyn, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1817, and died July 3, 1894. In 1830 he removed to Ashburnham, Massachusetts, from which place he later removed to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and resided in the latter place for a period of thirty years. He married (first), July 22, 1841, Elmira Marble, daughter of Stephen Marble. She died in 1845, and he married (second), January 31, 1847, Mary Ann Arnold. She died August 23, 1866, and he married (third), March, 1868, Elizabeth Cushing, daughter of Moses and Gertrude (Polley) Cushing. Elizabeth (Cushing) Cushing died September 23, 1875. To the first marriage one son was born, Milton Marble, of further mention. Children of the second marriage are: Joseph and Susan.

(IX.) Milton Marble Cushing, son of Joseph and Elmira (Marble) Cushing, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, September 4, 1844, and after receiving his education in the schools of Fitchburg and Groton, and at Eastman Business College, became identified with the

firm of J. Cushing Company, a concern founded by his father, Joseph Cushing. In 1866 he became a partner in the business and continued to devote his energies to the advancement of its interests to the time of his death, May 9, 1879. He married, June 12, 1867, Ellen Maria Leland, and they were the parents of seven children: Ethel (twin), who was born March 11, 1868, and died May 26, 1876; Joseph (twin), born March 11, 1868, died August 4, 1868; Milton L., of further mention; Ellen M., who was born January 4, 1873; Joseph, who was born September 11, 1874, and died September 18, 1896; Anna W., who was born November 27, 1876; and Matthew, who was born February 21, 1878.

(X.) Milton Leland Cushing, son of Milton M. and Ellen Maria (Leland) Cushing, was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, January 13, 1871. Following his early education in the local public schools he attended Fitchburg High School, then went to Poughkeepsie, New York, where he took the usual course at Eastman's Business College. In 1891 Mr. Cushing became identified with the J. Cushing Company and taking a minor position, familiarized himself with the business by the practical method of experience in every department, until now for the past seven years he has filled the office of president and manager. Other affiliations being: Director of the Safety Fund National Bank, of Fitchburg, and a trustee of the Worcester North Savings Institution, also of Fitchburg; was one of the founders, first vice-president, and is now treasurer of The Grain Dealers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Boston, Massachusetts; and is a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce; Boston Chamber of Commerce, and of the Chicago Board of Trade. He was a member of the City Council in 1905, and in 1906 was elected to the School Committee of Fitchburg, on which he served for three years. During the World War he was a member of the Massachusetts National Guard at Boston, as a member of Company C, 1st Motor Corps (1917-1918). He is a member of the Fay Club and the Oak Hill Country Club, of Fitchburg; and the Exchange Club and City Club, of Boston. His religious affiliation is with the Unitarian church, of Fitchburg.

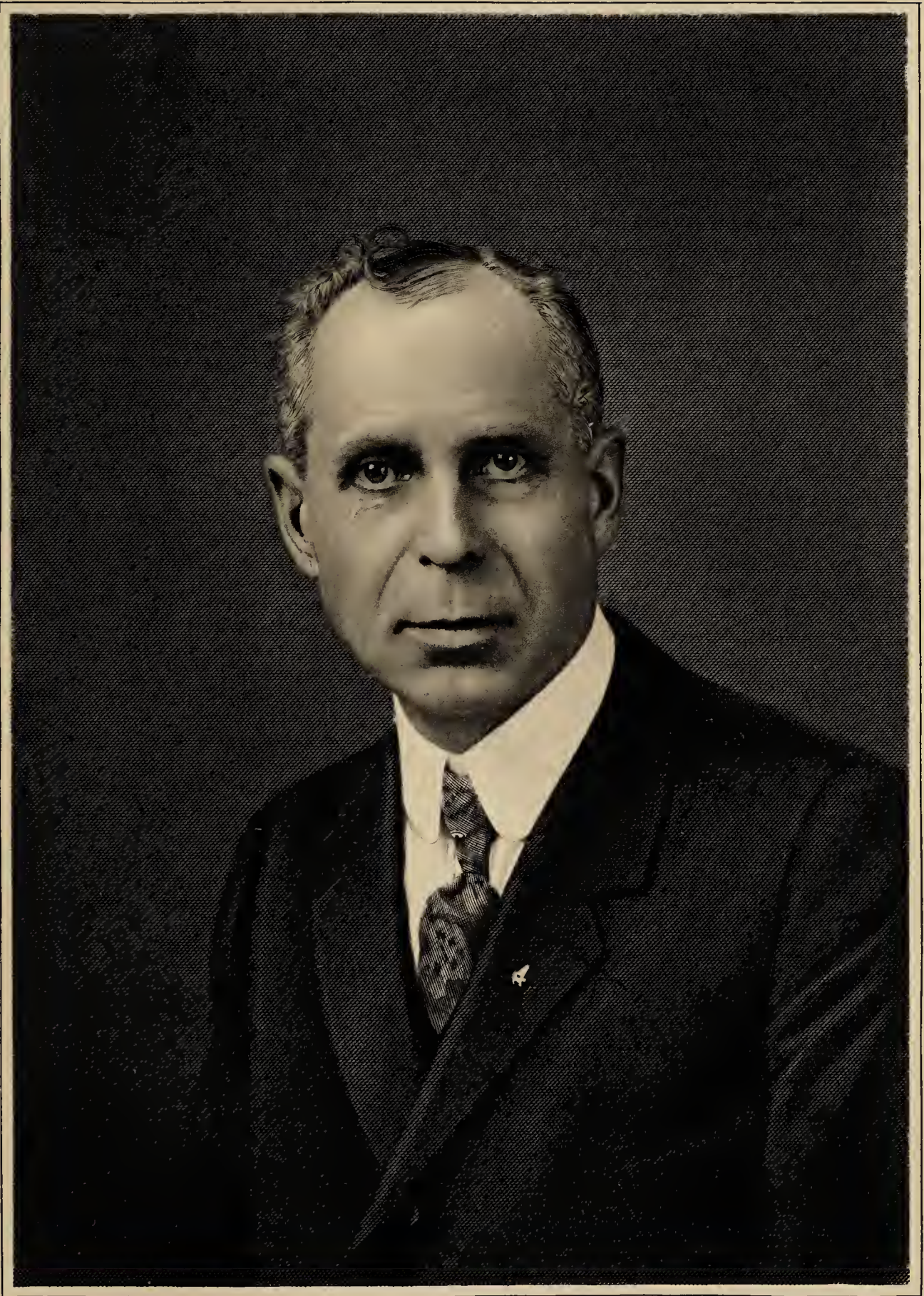
Milton Leland Cushing married, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, June 19, 1895, Gertrude Carolyn Brown, daughter of James and Flora (Wood) Brown, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Barbara, born April 23, 1897, was educated in Fitchburg grammar and high schools, Garland School of Boston, and Vassar College; married Bigelow Crocker, and has two children: Rosemary and Bigelow, Jr. 2. Whitney, born March 16, 1899, attended Andover Preparatory School and graduated from Yale in 1924 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. 3. Joseph, born November 7, 1900, educated in Fitchburg schools, in Andover Preparatory School, and Williams College. 4. Carolyn, born July 4, 1905, and educated in Fitchburg schools and Miss Marot's Private School, at Thompson, Connecticut.

ELLSWORTH MINOTT BROWN, president of the widely known firm, Brown Brothers Company, of Gardner, Massachusetts, is a man who may well be called a man of action. That his energy and initiative have

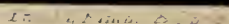
counted both for his own advantage and for the prosperity of the community is clearly evidenced by the importance of the industry of which, for more than twenty-five years, he has been the head. Mr. Brown is a son of Franklin O. and Mary A. (Patch) Brown. The father, who was born in Templeton, Massachusetts, in 1826, went to Winchendon in his youth, and there entered the lumber business as an employee, later owning his own business and operating a small saw mill. A young man of high spirit and great patriotism, he enlisted in the Civil War, and served with honor and distinction, the hardships of this experience becoming, in a large measure, responsible for his early death, in October, 1874. Mary A. (Patch) Brown, born in Brattleboro, Vermont, in 1826, removed to South Royalston, Massachusetts, but after her children had settled in Gardner, Massachusetts, she wished to be near them and finally did remove to Gardner, where she passed away in 1919.

Ellsworth Minott Brown was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts, April 5, 1864. He attended the public schools of Templeton and Winchendon until twelve years of age, but from that time had few school advantages. From the age of ten years, when he was left fatherless, he lived out with other families, working at whatever he could find to do in order to earn his own living and relieve his mother of the burden of his support. When he was able to be of some assistance to her, he returned home for two years, then, in 1880, he located in Gardner and secured employment in a chair factory. About a year later he joined the factory force of the firm of S. Bent & Brothers, with whom he was associated for a period of twelve years. There Mr. Brown gained much practical experience, thoroughly familiarizing himself with the production end of the business, and also gaining a broad general idea of the methods of distribution. In 1892 he resigned his position with the Bent Brothers to become associated with his brother, Charles F. Brown, in the retail wood business, they also conducting a carpet cleaning department, which was not only profitable but was greatly appreciated by the local housekeepers. In 1898, in association with another brother, Benjamin J. Brown, he founded the chair manufacturing business which has been for years a leader in its field in Gardner. The brothers continued partners until the death of Charles F. Brown, January 20, 1901, and in 1902 the business was incorporated, with Ellsworth M. Brown as president. Nearly a year prior to incorporation, Jesse E. Bodette had come into the partnership, and on incorporation he was elected vice-president. He died July 24, 1905. On January 1, 1904, Marden H. Turner bought an interest in the company, and in 1907 was chosen vice-president, the officers of Brown Brothers Company now being (1923), Ellsworth M. Brown, president; Marden H. Turner, vice-president; Benjamin J. Brown, treasurer and secretary.

Under the leadership of Ellsworth M. Brown this enterprise has advanced to a foremost position in the manufacture of chairs, tea room, and breakfast room furniture and a line of specialties of this general character. For a number of years they have transacted an annual business of about \$400,000, their banner year (in war



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times) having been very near a half million. As president of this important company, Ellsworth M. Brown holds a prominent position in the business world of Gardner, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated with the Chair Town Coöperative Bank as a stockholder and director, and for three years served as a member of the Board of Selectmen of Gardner. Fraternally he is identified with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member and Past Commander of Charles Sumner Camp, No. 37, Sons of Veterans, and Past Division Commander of the Massachusetts Division of that order. Politically he supports the Republican party.

Ellsworth M. Brown married, in 1884, Lizzie E. Holt, of Hubbardston, Massachusetts, daughter of Elias O. and Lucy (Underwood) Holt. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of three children: 1. Estelle, a graduate of Gardner High School, class of 1904. 2. Franklin O., a graduate of Gardner High School, class of 1906, and an employee of Brown Brothers Company. 3. Harold F., a graduate of Gardner High School, class of 1910, and of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, B. S., class of 1915, now identified with Brown Brothers Company. He married, October 28, 1916, Jessie I. Lusk, daughter of Frank and Louisa (Dargie) Lusk.

BENJAMIN J. BROWN—As one of the founders and for many years treasurer of the Brown Brothers Company, of Gardner, Massachusetts, Benjamin J. Brown has been an important factor in the progress of that company, manufacturers of chairs, breakfast and tea-room furniture and other specialties of that general class. He is a son of Franklin O. and Mary A. (Patch) Brown, the father born in Templeton, Massachusetts, in 1826. Franklin O. Brown went to Winchendon as a young man and became identified in the lumber business there, eventually engaging in business for himself and operating a small saw mill. He was a veteran of the Civil War, and died at a comparatively early age, in October, 1874, the exposure and hardships of the war hastening his death. Mary A. (Patch) Brown, born in Brattleboro, Vermont, in 1826, removed to South Royalston, Massachusetts, but after her children had settled in Gardner, yearning to be near them, passed her declining years there, her death occurring in 1919.

Benjamin J. Brown was born at Winchendon, Massachusetts, March 4, 1870. Only four and one-half years of age when the death of his father occurred and the family being left without means of support, he began, when still a small child, to contribute his mite towards the maintenance of the family. Thus his education was very limited and while he attended the schools of South Royalston, he helped with the work which was brought home from the factory nearby, the caning of chairs being placed out in the different homes of the town, where from childhood to old age, all members of the family participated in the work. As soon as he was able to assume larger responsibilities Mr. Brown entered the employ of the American Woolen Mills, where he remained for a time. In the spring of 1882 he came to Gardner and during that summer was employed in

the chair factory of S. K. Pierce & Son. Returning to South Royalston in the fall, he attended school the following winter, working morning and evening and every spare hour at the caning of chairs. In 1883 he again came to Gardner and once more entered the S. K. Pierce & Son's factory. For seventeen years he continued active in the chair industry in Gardner, during twelve years of that period with the L. B. Ramsdall Company. There he began in the capacity of assistant to Thomas E. Cody, who is now president, but at that time general manager. Mr. Brown worked with Mr. Cody in the management of the business until 1898, then resigning to establish himself in business in a similar line of manufacture. In partnership with his two brothers, Ellsworth M. and Charles F. Brown, the firm of Brown Brothers was founded and the present industry established. In 1902 the business was incorporated under the name of the Brown Brothers Company, Benjamin J. Brown becoming secretary and treasurer, also general manager of the plant, and was jointly instrumental in building up the business and developing it to its present importance. They have for some years done an annual business amounting to fully \$400,000, and their heaviest year, which occurred during the World War, showed a volume of nearly a half million dollars. Ellsworth M. Brown has been president of the company since its incorporation, but Charles F. Brown, the other partner, died January 20, 1901, the year prior to the incorporation. A brother-in-law, Jesse E. Bodette, purchased the interest of the deceased partner and became vice-president, and later Marden H. Turner was made vice-president, an office he still holds.

Benjamin J. Brown is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, which he serves as a member of the board of directors and vice-president; is a director and vice-president of the Gardner Trust Company, and a trustee of Gardner Savings Bank. A Republican in political affiliation, he is interested in all civic advance, and for the past half a dozen years has served as a member of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. Fraternally Mr. Brown holds membership in Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is a member of Charles Sumner Camp, No. 37, Sons of Veterans. His clubs are: The Gardner Boat, the Oak Hill Country, and the Monomonack Sporting Club.

Benjamin J. Brown married, January 10, 1889, Maude A. Gilbert, of Gardner, and they are the parents of four children: Clayton E., an employe of Brown Brothers; Frances Adeline, at home; Guy B., also employed by the Brown Brothers; and Clarence E., who died at the age of four years.

JOHN EDWARD SWIFT, one of the professional men of Worcester County, Massachusetts, is active in civic and political affairs, and has been engaged in legal practice in Milford and in Boston since 1902.

Born in Milford, Massachusetts, December 7, 1879, Mr. Swift is a son of Thomas J., now retired from active life, and Mary J. (McDonough) Swift, who died

September 8, 1921. He received his early education in the public schools of Milford, Massachusetts, and after his graduation from the high school there, in 1896, became a student in Boston College, from which he was graduated in 1899. He then began his professional studies in the law school of Boston University, completing his course there in 1902. During the two decades which have passed since that time he has been steadily and continuously engaged in legal practice in Milford and Boston. He has built up a large and important patronage and has made for himself a reputation which is a valuable business asset.

He has always taken a deep interest in local civic affairs and in political affairs in general, has served as Town Treasurer for eleven years, and has been a member of the School Board for eighteen years. Politically he gives his support to the principles and candidates of the Democratic party, and has been chosen to serve as delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He was a candidate in 1922 for the office of Attorney General of Massachusetts. He is District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus; a member of Milford Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of the Catholic Foresters; of Division 7, Ancient Order of Hibernians; and professionally is affiliated with the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Worcester County Bar Association, and a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar. He is also a member of the Boston City Club. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary's, at Milford.

John Edward Swift, married, on April 18, 1917, at Milford, Massachusetts, Emily L. Lee, daughter of William and Virginia (Parker) Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Swift are the parents of three children: John Edward, Jr., who was born January 20, 1918; Marilyn I., born May 5, 1920; and Francis Lee, born December 7, 1923.

ARTHUR H. TURNER—The progressive activities of the town of Harvard, Massachusetts, have commanded the constructive attention of Arthur H. Turner for many years, and in both his individual interests and public service he has done much to forward the welfare of the community and stabilize economic conditions. He is numbered among the broadly useful and estimable men of Worcester County. Mr. Turner is a member of an old and distinguished family of this State, his great-grandfather, Prince Turner, having served in the Revolutionary War, supporting the cause of the colonies. Luther Turner, Mr. Turner's grandfather, was an honored figure of his time, and with his wife, Abigail, bore a leading part in the social progress of the day. Oliver Turner, son of these parents and Mr. Turner's father, was among the early settlers of the community now known as Harvard, and was by trade a pump maker, but during his later years was employed by the United States Government in the tempering of steel. He spent the decline of life on the farm. Oliver Turner married Rebecca Harrod, daughter of Major William K. and Rebecca (Staples) Harrod, her father a blacksmith, of Harvard, her mother of Maine stock.

Arthur H. Turner was born at Harvard, Massachusetts, September 26, 1858. His education was received in the public schools of Lancaster and at Lawrence Acad-

emy, at Groton, Massachusetts, and his natural taste and ability for mathematics, largely determined his future. Mr. Turner has devoted considerable time and attention to farming activities since his youth, but during his entire career has been engaged in bookkeeping and accounting along with his other interests. For many years he was a prominent factor in the public advance, and for seventeen years served on the local School Committee. His activities as Overseer of the Poor did much for the permanent welfare of wards of the community, and he served acceptably in the exacting office of Assessor for one year. Elected treasurer of the town of Harvard in the year 1912, he has ably filled this office since. These various positions of local usefulness, however, were only such as contribute to the immediate progress and steady growth of the civic body. As long ago as the year 1895 Mr. Turner was elected Representative of the town of Harvard in the House of Assembly of the State of Massachusetts, and in the discharge of his duties in the legislative halls of the State he not only gained personal distinction, but reflected credit upon the constituency which placed him in this position of honor. He was again elected Representative in 1920, and added to the usefulness which marked his previous services to the State, his long experience in affairs and familiarity with conditions counted constructively in the deliberations of the legislative body. Mr. Turner is prominent in fraternal circles as a member of Harvard Lodge, No. 149, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Harvard Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He attends the Unitarian church, and acts as treasurer of the church society.

Arthur H. Turner married, at Sterling, Massachusetts, in November, 1888, Emily G. Heywood, daughter of Moses B. and Maria (Nichols) Heywood, who, for many years, were well known in the industrial and social life of Sterling. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are the parents of two sons: Earl O., of whom further; and Stanley H., of whom further.

Earl O. Turner was born at Harvard, Massachusetts, May 19, 1893. Following the completion of his elementary and intermediate studies, he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he was graduated in the class of 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He has been active since as professor of engineering and hydraulics at the University of New Brunswick, at Fredericton, New Brunswick. He is a veteran of the World War, having enlisted in the United States Army Aviation Signal Corps in December, 1917. Commissioned second lieutenant in March of the following year, he was detailed to the Northwest on engineering activities for the government. He was active there in the building of railroads and the getting out of spruce lumber for the construction of aeroplanes. Mr. Turner taught the use of the gas mask in Tennessee, but the signing of the armistice intervened before he was called overseas, and he received his honorable discharge from the service on December 31, 1918.

Stanley H. Turner was born in Harvard, Massachusetts, November 3, 1900. His early education covered, he entered Worcester Technical Institute, from which he was graduated in the class of 1922, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Professionally active for one

year, he took up post-graduate work in the fall of 1923, in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Business Administration, where he is now (1924) a student.

HON. RODNEY WALLACE—The Fitchburg Paper Company with its immense output and far-reaching economic influences is a worthy memorial to the energy and ability of its founder, Hon. Rodney Wallace, who at the age of twelve years, began his active career by hiring himself to a farmer for forty dollars a year and the privilege of attending school for eight weeks during the winter term. Ability, tireless effort, and sound principles brought large rewards, and fifty years after receiving his forty dollars for the labor of twelve months Hon. Rodney Wallace, presented to the city of Fitchburg the Wallace Library and Art Building, erected by him at a cost of \$100,000. Later, he presented the town of Rindge, New Hampshire, with a public library building. These gifts, beautiful and useful as they are, however, do not represent the vital part of Mr. Wallace's contribution to the welfare of his fellow-citizens. He took an active part in local public affairs, was a generous supporter of all well-planned projects for the advancement of the public good, and was chosen to represent his district in the National Congress.

(I.) John Wallis (as the name was formerly spelled) and his wife Elizabeth were residents of Stow, Massachusetts, as early as 1721. He removed to Townsend, Massachusetts, previous to November 12, 1731, at which time he purchased land there. He was one of the sixteen original members of the church there, and in 1747 served as Selectman of the town. He died May 20, 1763, aged eighty-seven years, survived by his second wife, Elizabeth, whose death occurred January 25, 1765, at the age of seventy-two years. His children were: John, of further mention; Susannah; Elizabeth; Matthew; Jonathan; Isaac; William, died young; William, and David.

(II.) John Wallace (or Wallis), son of John Wallis, was born 1694 (or 1695 according to gravestone) and died September 30, 1777, aged eighty-three (or eighty-two) years. He removed with his father from Stow to Townsend in 1731. He married (first), February 15, 1722, Sarah Wheeler, daughter of Zebediah Wheeler, of Stow. She died March 25, 1752. He married (second), February 15, 1753, Mary White, of Groton. He married (third), November 6, 1759, Mrs. Martha (Stevens) Pudney. Children of John and Sarah (Wheeler) Wallace (or Wallis) were: William; Sarah; Benoni, of further mention; Zebdiah; and Relief.

(III.) Benoni Wallace (or Wallis), son of John and Sarah (Wheeler) Wallace (or Wallis), settled in Lunenburg, and died there. The records show that he was in Lunenburg two years before his marriage, when he objected to the manner in which a highway was laid over his land in Lunenburg, and later the highway was relaid, apparently to his satisfaction. He is the immediate ancestor of the Ashby and Ashburnham families of this surname. He died March 15, 1792. His wife died August 25, 1790. He married, July 22, 1755, Rebecca Brown, of Lynn. Their children, born in Lunen-

burg, were: Benjamin; Curwin; David, of further mention; Molly; Ebenezer, Frederick, died young; and Rebecca.

(IV.) David Wallace (or Wallis), son of Benoni and Rebecca (Brown) Wallace, was born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, October 16, 1760, and died January 12, 1842. He served three terms of enlistment in the Revolution, and in 1786 removed to Ashburnham, where he was a farmer, and enjoyed the rewards of a peaceful, well-ordered life. He married, April 11, 1797, Susannah Conn, who died March 24, 1847, daughter of John and Ruth (Davis) Conn, of Ashburnham. Their children were: David, of further mention; James Parks; Ruth Davis; John Wyman; Lucy Spalding; and Frederick.

(V.) David Wallace, son of David and Susannah (Conn) Wallace, was born July 14, 1797, and died May 29, 1857. He established the "Wallace" form of the family name, and his descendants have followed his example. He was in early life a clothier in Fitchburg, and owned land and a mill near the Cushing Mill, on Laurel Street. Later he was a farmer in New Ipswich, and in Rindge, New Hampshire. He was a worthy man and a good citizen. He died May 29, 1857. He married Roxanna Gowan, of New Ipswich, who died in Fitchburg, February 27, 1876. Their children were: Harriet; Rodney, of further mention; David K.; John A.; Charles E.; George F.; Romanzo A.; and William E.

(VI.) Rodney Wallace, son of David and Roxanna (Gowan) Wallace, was born in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, December 21, 1823, and died February 27, 1903. In his youth his parents removed to Rindge, New Hampshire. At the age of twelve he left his home to work for a farmer for a year for forty dollars, with the privilege of attending school during the term of eight weeks. At the age of sixteen he began to drive freight from Bellows Falls, Vermont, and Rindge, New Hampshire, to Boston, taking lumber and produce and bringing back merchandise from the city. In 1843, when he was twenty years old, he entered the employ of Dr. Stephen Jewett, of Rindge, New Hampshire, the proprietor of Jewett's famous patent medicines, and subsequently traveled as the doctor's agent, selling the medicines through five of the New England States. In 1853 he removed to Fitchburg and actively engaged in business in the wholesale trade in books, stationery, and paper stock, which was conducted under the firm name of Shepley & Wallace, and later of R. Wallace & Company, his partner being Stephen Shepley. In 1865 he organized the Fitchburg Paper Company, and the former partnership with Mr. Shepley was dissolved July 1, 1865, Mr. Wallace retaining the cotton waste department, which has since grown to large proportions and become very profitable. The Wallace interests now handle several hundred thousand dollars' worth of this waste annually. The Fitchburg Paper Company, which was made up of Mr. Shepley, Mr. Wallace, and Benjamin Snow, bought the Lyon Paper Mill and Kimball Scythe Shops at West Fitchburg, and began the manufacture of paper there. Stephen E. Denton was later admitted to the firm and took charge of the manufacturing. In July, 1865, when the business was just getting under way, Mr. Shepley sold his interests to Mr. Wallace and Mr. Snow. In June, 1866, Mr. Denton died, and on January 7 1869,

Mr. Wallace purchased Mr. Snow's interests. On January 23, 1869, Mr. Wallace purchased the interests of the Denton estate, and since then he and, later, his sons have had the sole ownership of the business of the Fitchburg Paper Company. Mr. Wallace soon made improvements in his mill whereby the output was doubled. In 1876 he built a substantial stone dam and improved the water power. In 1878 he built a new brick mill and increased the product to six tons of paper daily. In 1887 he built another large brick mill near the junction of Phillips Brook and the Nashua River, and since that time numerous improvements have been made. The Fitchburg Mills manufacture card and lithograph paper and similar high-class products. Many cottages have been built by Mr. Wallace and his company for the accommodation of employees, and a village built by the company has grown up about the mills. The mills have their own freight house and freight yard.

Mr. Wallace by no means confined his energies to the paper business. He was interested in many lines of business and all were successful. He became the leading citizen of the town, a position he unquestionably occupied for a number of years. He was a man of great public spirit. He was president and director of the Fitchburg Gas Light Company from 1864 until his death in 1903; a director of the Fitchburg National Bank, 1866-1903; was for many years a trustee of the Fitchburg Savings Bank; director of the Parkhill Manufacturing Company, and the Putnam Machine Company; director of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company; partner in the Fitchburg Woolen Mill; a director in the Fitchburg Railroad Company and Springfield Trust Company; a trustee of Smith College, Northampton. He has been entrusted with the settlement of several large estates. His ambition in the political world was restrained by the exacting burdens of business and the magnitude of the interests claiming his attention. He was Selectman of the town of Fitchburg in 1864, 1865, and 1867; in 1873 represented Fitchburg in the General Court, and was unanimously renominated the following year, but declined reelection on account of his health; was in the Governor's Council through the entire administration of Governor Long. In 1884 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention. In 1889 and 1890 he represented his district in Congress.

The Wallace Library and Art Building is an enduring monument to Mr. Wallace's interest in educational and literary affairs. In 1881 he purchased a site suitably located on Main Street for a public library. Here he erected a substantial building at a cost of nearly \$100,000, and presented it to the city of Fitchburg for a free public library, reading rooms and art galleries. The Wallace Library and Art Building was dedicated July 1, 1885, the exercises being held in the library, Mayor Alonzo Davis presiding. In presenting the building Mr. Wallace said:

The best materials of all kinds were selected, the best mechanics employed, and more faithful service could not have been rendered had each man employed been the sole owner of the building. . . . Our best thoughts have been given to have the building adapted to the purposes for which it was intended, and I have found pleasure in giving it my personal attention. No pains or expense have been spared to make the building first-class in all respects, and it is nearly or quite fireproof. Cost of building \$70,000; cost of furniture \$2,000; cost of land \$12,000; total \$84,000.

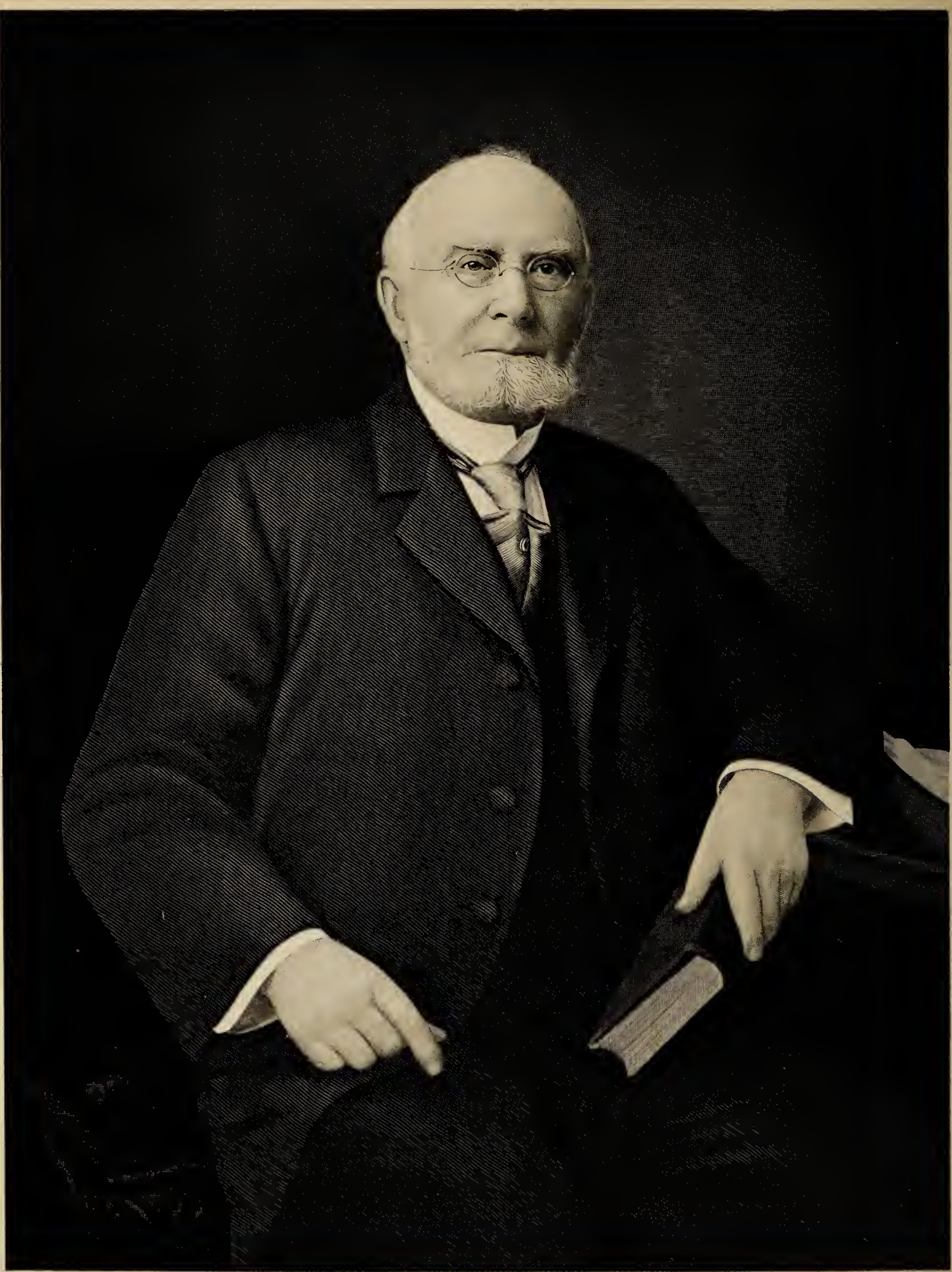
In the hands of the city government and under the management of the trustees, I have perfect confidence that the building will be well cared for, and as a home for the Library, Works of Art and Free Reading Rooms it will be of increasing value to our people. With pleasure and the most earnest wish that to many of our people these rooms may prove to be a place of rest and profit, and help make the journey of life more pleasant and useful, I now present to you the deed of this property and keys of the building.

The dedicatory address of Governor John D. Long was appropriate, eloquent, and impressive. The manuscript is preserved in the Relic Room at the Library. A poem by Mrs. Caroline Mason was read by Ray Greene Huling, principal of the high school. The city has an excellent collection of books and pictures, and the library is growing constantly better, owing to additions by gift and purchase. The Fitchburg Public Library, which was founded in 1859, is one of the finest institutions of the city since it has had its new home. Among the trustees who have been interested in having the purposes of its donor carried out are Herbert Ingalls Wallace, son of Rodney Wallace, and Ezra S. Stearns, formerly Secretary of State of New Hampshire, a distinguished historian and genealogist, and a close personal friend of Mr. Wallace, who in his "History of Ashburnham" wrote:

Mr. Wallace is courteous and affable in manner and loyal in his friendship. In the reserve of his nature he is restrained from impetuous demonstration, but, in every social and public duty his friendship, his influence and his assistance are put forth with commanding effect. If his activities are circumscribed by reason and prudence, his conclusions are deliberately formed and founded upon a comprehensive study of the attending facts. In him are combined diligence and sagacity, and above all a lofty standard of honor and integrity.

He also gave the town of Rindge, New Hampshire, a public library building in 1894.

Mr. Wallace married (first), December 1, 1853, Sophia Ingalls, born May 5, 1828, daughter of Thomas and Sophia (Shurtleff) Ingalls, of Rindge, New Hampshire. She died June 20, 1871, leaving two sons. He married (second), December 28, 1876, Sophia F. (Billings) Bailey, of Woodstock, Vermont, born November 1, 1826, died November 9, 1895, daughter of Oel and Sophia W. Billings, of Royalton, Vermont, and widow of Hon. Goldsmith F. Bailey. The children of Rodney and Sophia (Ingalls) Wallace were: 1. Herbert Ingalls, born in Fitchburg, and graduated from Harvard University in 1877. Upon the completion of his college course he became associated with his father's business, and later was head of the Fitchburg Paper Company and his father's successor in various other important enterprises. As trustee of the Wallace Library and Art Building he has gathered an excellent musical library for the institution. He married, October 23, 1879, Amy Louise Upton, daughter of John and Louise (Willis) Upton, and their children are: Fred; Rodney, deceased; Sophia I.; Amy L., deceased; and Robert S. 2. George R., born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, June 29, 1859, studied in Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, and then became associated with the Fitchburg Paper Company, of which he took charge upon the death of his father. He married, November 10, 1886, Helen (Nellie) M. Howland, of Fitchburg, and has four children: Helen S., George R., Jr., (q. v.); Elizabeth, and Rachel.



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David Hale Fanning

MAJOR GEORGE RODNEY WALLACE, JR.—

A leading executive in the paper industry in New England is Major George Rodney Wallace, Jr., vice-president of the Fitchburg Paper Company, whose energy and efficiency have carried him to a noteworthy position in the business world. Mr. Wallace comes of a prominent and highly honored family of Fitchburg, and is a son of George R. and Helen M. (Howland) Wallace, his father the president of the Fitchburg Paper Company and for many years one of the principal forces in the development and present eminence of the concern. The maternal line also traces back through a prominent family of Massachusetts to pioneer origin.

George Rodney Wallace, Jr., was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, October 2, 1889. His early education was received in the public and high schools of his native city, and his higher studies were mapped out with direct relation to his future responsibilities as an executive of the Fitchburg Paper Company. He covered a comprehensive course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Received into the firm immediately following his graduation, Mr. Wallace mastered the practical application of his technical knowledge and continues with the concern in his present official capacity. He is further affiliated with the business world of Fitchburg as a director of the Fidelity Coöperative Bank and as a director of the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company. He also serves on the board of investments of the Fitchburg Savings Bank. Major Wallace is a veteran of the World War, having enlisted in the 2d Regiment, Massachusetts Field Artillery, United States Army, on July 19, 1917. He was promoted to sergeant on September 1 of the same year, then on the 23d of the following November was promoted to captain and transferred to the regular army. Nearly a year later, on November 1, 1918, he was promoted to the rank of major while on the field in France. He sailed overseas in July, 1918, and was active in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, receiving a citation from General Pershing. Returned to the United States the following spring, Major Wallace received his honorable discharge from the service on April 22, 1919, and returned to the interests of civilian life. He is a Republican by political affiliation, and chairman of the Republican City Committee, also participating in the activities of the Republican State Committee as a member of that body. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his clubs are the Oak Hill Country, and the Fay. He is identified with the Unitarian church.

Major Wallace married, on May 24, 1923, in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Alice G. Wellington, daughter of Arthur J. and Susan (Lloyd) Wellington, of Fitchburg. His son by a former marriage, George R. Wallace, third, was born August 29, 1915.

DAVID HALE FANNING—The city of Worcester, Massachusetts, takes a very proper pride in the great industries which have developed the municipality, and which provide for the economic security and well being of the people as well as for the permanence and dignity of the civic body. Back of every industry, as the force which brought it into existence and governs its progress, stands some man or group of men, whose

breadth of vision and ceaseless energy have made possible these monuments to human endeavor. There is no name of greater significance to this city than that of David Hale Fanning, and no product more universally known the world over than the Royal Worcester Corsets, of which he is the originator. For sixty-two years Mr. Fanning has stood at the head of this enterprise, from the time when his force of employees numbered two women, to the present day when he presides over the greatest industry of its kind in the world, although he has nearly reached the ninety-third anniversary of his birth. The life story of this aged man with the spirit of youth still animating his being, reads like one of those industrial romances in which the old and young take equal delight.

David Hale Fanning was born in Jewett City, Connecticut, August 4, 1830. Left an orphan at the age of seven years, he was cared for by older brothers and sisters, and attended public school until he was fifteen years of age. He was then placed in a small factory owned by a brother, who manufactured twine and cotton batting. But the lad was urged to higher endeavors by some ambition hidden within himself. Lacking the mature counsel and unselfish love of father or mother, it remained for him to strike out blindly when the time came that he determined upon independent action. A graphic word picture of the boy was included in the handsome brochure published by the company on the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the business:

One bright Sunday morning while he stood at the well-curb drawing a pail of water, listening to the church bells ring the hour of 9.30, notifying the people to get ready for the service an hour later, his vague dreams suddenly blossomed into a definite resolution to strike out for freedom. This was on August 9, 1846, and was the first important decision in the career of a man noted for quick and sound decisions.

With only a few dollars in his pocket, the lad walked the eighteen miles or thereabouts to Danielson, Connecticut, and spent the night at a country inn. Taking a train to Worcester the next day, he searched for work in this city, but found no opening. Could the business men of that day have pre-visioned the mental power and constructive energy of the plain, direct-spoken lad who applied for the means of mere existence, the history of the Royal Worcester Corset Company might never have been written, for his energies would have been directed into existing channels, rather than, as transpired, cutting new paths. Shortly after he secured work in Clinton, operating the picker and lapper in a cotton mill. Remaining there for two years, he then decided to learn the trade of machinist, but eventually, upon completing his apprenticeship, he returned to mill work. By this time the young man was accustomed to think and act for himself, and one day astonished his overseer by declaring his intention never to do another day's work in a cotton mill. He had accumulated a little capital and started a grocery store at Groton Junction, near Ayer, Massachusetts, but his did not satisfy his ambition, even as a stepping stone to higher achievement. Horace Greeley's famous advice to "go west" reached him, and selling his store, Mr. Fanning went to Chicago, then a crude municipality of some 80,000 population, situated on low, marshy ground. The hills of New England called him back, but stopping at

Cleveland, Ohio, en route, he was employed there for a time as bookkeeper. In 1861 Mr. Fanning returned to Worcester, and his desire to serve his country in her time of need proved futile, for upon enlistment he was refused on account of disability. He formed an unshakable purpose to embark upon his own responsibility in some productive enterprise. Keenly practical at all times, he settled upon the popular hoop skirt of the day as the opportunity of the moment, and began its manufacture. Procuring the rental of a room fifteen feet square, Mr. Fanning made his start, employing two women and doing his own designing, cutting, and so forth. It is interesting to note in passing that one of these original employees is still living. Quality of product was an unvarying policy of this manufacturer from his earliest venture, and the hoop skirts found a brisk sale in the dry goods stores of Worcester. Then Mr. Fanning's keen vision comprehended the probable changes of fashion and branched out along a line which, throughout all the vagaries of the modes, had for centuries been a staple article of apparel, and would in all likelihood continue such—corsets. He personally made the first corset in his plant, shaping and combining five pieces of cloth, a few steels and eyelets, but daily keeping in touch with what was being accomplished in his field, and always seeking a higher degree of perfection in his own product, Mr. Fanning's rise was a matter of his own achievement alone. Co-partnerships he tried, when he felt the need of more numerous executives, but they proved fetters to progress, and he at length organized a corporation, keeping thenceforward in his own hands all executive responsibility. During the thirty-five years which have since elapsed the regular quarterly dividend to the stockholders has never failed.

Meantime, the growth of the interest, the original capital for which was practically nothing but business ability and courage, was steady and great. The plant outgrew such structures as had been available, and in 1895 land was bought at the corner of Wyman and Hollis streets, where a factory, very large for that day, in Worcester, was erected. It has been necessary since, however, to increase enormously the original space, and from that time until the present a large addition has been erected every five years, the last being completed in the year 1921. Throughout the great plant every department is equipped in the most approved manner, and the product of the factory to-day, comprising the Royal Worcester and Bon Ton corsets, goes to all parts of the civilized world. But perhaps the more noteworthy feature of this great enterprise is the happy coöperation that exists between the executive and production forces, and the paternal benevolence of the revered and venerable man whose interest is as keen in the welfare of his employees as in the success of his business. With the first establishing of the little shop more than sixty years ago, he looked ahead to a time when he could make special provision for the comfort and recreation of his employees, and in the newest building he realized his dream to the full, although during all his previous history this had been a special phase of the progress of the business. The building completed in 1921 has a great dance floor and a complete stage and footlights, also a most charming and attractive rest room with luxurious

wicker furniture upholstered in gay cretonnes, with writing desks conveniently placed and a large library close by. The plant occupies an entire city block, 222x158 feet, and the large lawn is always kept in perfect order. In short the Royal Worcester plant is one of the show places of the city, and the pride, not only of those connected with it, but of every citizen of Worcester.

HERBERT PARKER—Prominent among the men of the legal profession in Worcester County is Herbert Parker, who has been successfully engaged in legal practice in Worcester and in Boston since 1884, principally as a trial lawyer. In addition to caring for his large private practice he has served as Associate Justice of the District Court, as District Attorney, and as Attorney General of the State of Massachusetts. He is also officially connected with an important business organization, and has been active in organizations not connected with his profession.

Born in Charlestown, Massachusetts, March 2, 1856, Mr. Parker is a son of George A. and Harriet Newell (Felton) Parker. After completing his preliminary and preparatory work he became a student in Harvard College as a member of the class of 1878, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1905 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Tufts College. In the meantime, he had been admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1883, and immediately thereafter was private secretary at Washington to Senator G. F. Hoar. In 1884 he entered into the practice of his profession. He was well prepared for his work and possessed ability and energy, qualities which soon brought the reward of growing patronage. He took an active interest in local public affairs, and in 1886 was made Associate Justice of the Second District Court of Eastern Worcester. In 1887 he was appointed Assistant District Attorney, and later elected District Attorney of the Middle Massachusetts District, the latter of which official positions he held until 1899. In 1901 he was elected to the important office of Attorney General of the State of Massachusetts, the duties of which office he efficiently discharged until 1905. Mr. Parker was counsel for Police Commissioner Curtis, his term including the period of the famous police strike in Boston. He was also a member of the Massachusetts State Constitutional Convention during 1917-1919. He was fortunate in his direct personal association with the late Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, in whose office he conducted his studies for admission to the bar. In addition to the numerous professional activities already mentioned, Mr. Parker has served as trustee of the State Mutual Life Insurance Company of Worcester; of the Clinton, Massachusetts, Hospital Association, of Clark College; and of Clark University since 1907. He is a member of the Medico-Legal Society of Massachusetts; of the American Ornithologists' Union; was vice-president of the Military Efficiency Association; and vice-president of the Massachusetts League for Preservation of American Independence. He is also a member of the Union Club, and of the Tavern Club of Boston. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party, and his religious affiliation is with the Unitarian church.

Herbert Parker married, September 22, 1886, Mary Carney Vose, of Lowell, Massachusetts, and Mr. and Mrs. Parker are the parents of six children: 1. George A., born October 8, 1887, a graduate of Harvard University, and of the Harvard Law School. He was in the Massachusetts State Militia, and went to the Mexican border with Battery A, 1st Massachusetts Field Artillery, as lieutenant. After his return from the border he was made captain of Battery C, 1st Massachusetts Artillery, which was mustered into Federal service as the 101st Field Artillery and sent overseas in September, 1917. He took part in the offensives and was wounded and gassed in action at Chateau Thierry, in July, 1918. After his release from the hospital he returned to his regiment and was in the St. Mihiel drive and continued with the American advance until the armistice. He was promoted to the rank of major, and returned with the 102d Field Artillery in April, 1919. He is now commander of the Massachusetts State Police Patrol. 2. Katherine V., educated in private finishing schools. 3. Edith, educated in private finishing schools, and also a graduate nurse of the Massachusetts General Hospital. 4. Haven, educated at the Milton Academy, a graduate of Harvard University, and now a student in the Harvard Law School. 5. Mary Carney, educated at Miss Walker's Private School, and now (1923) attending Bryn Mawr College. 6. Harriet Felton, educated also at Miss Walker's School, and now a student at Bryn Mawr College.

REV. ELLSWORTH WASHINGTON PHILLIPS, a minister of the Congregational church, began his pastoral career at Worcester in 1891, and there he is yet, as executive secretary of the Worcester City Missionary Society, after a ministerial career covering more than three decades, although his service has been with different churches of Worcester and with the First Church, of Whitman, Massachusetts. He is a son of Washington and Eliza E. (Day) Phillips, his father a farmer.

Ellsworth W. Phillips was born August 5, 1861. He began his education in the village public school. He prepared in Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, New Hampshire, finishing with graduation as valedictorian in the class of 1883. From the academy he passed to Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, there receiving the Bachelor's degree, class of 1888. Deciding upon the holy profession, he entered Hartford Theological Seminary, at Hartford, Connecticut, and thence was graduated, class of 1891. At the completion of his theological course in 1891, Mr. Phillips was installed pastor of Hope Congregational Church, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and there continued until 1906. He then accepted a call from the First Congregational Church, of Whitman, Massachusetts, and served that society faithfully and acceptably for five years, 1906-1911. During the years 1912-1914 he was assistant to the pastor of Union Congregational Church, of Worcester. In 1915 he was called to the executive secretaryship of the City Missionary Society of the Congregational Churches. In this capacity he organized, in 1916, the Hadwen Park Congregational Church, over which he had the pastoral care until 1920, when he

accepted the pastorate of the Memorial Congregational Church, which was founded and endowed in 1855, as a mission church, by the late Deacon Ichabod Washburn, noted as the man who established the first wire business in America, and gave Worcester her greatest industry, and has been the city's greatest benefactor. By this arrangement the city mission church and the City Missionary Society were brought into close coöperation, and Mr. Phillips continues to hold the dual relationship of pastor of the church and secretary of the society at the time of this writing, December, 1923. His work for the church has been greatly blessed, and he is one of the strong men of his denomination. Rev. Ellsworth W. Phillips is a member of many religious bodies and societies, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Worcester Congregational Club.

He married, in Sharon, Vermont, October 7, 1891, Charlotte May Chamberlin, daughter of Edward Bingham and Jennie (Moore) Chamberlin. Rev. and Mrs. Phillips are the parents of four children: Robert Ellsworth, born November 2, 1892; Ruth Chamberlin, born January 20, 1896; Charlotte Day, born July 27, 1901; Margaret Moore, born October 1, 1904.

HON. FRANCIS PRESCOTT—As president of the Savings Bank of Grafton, and as representative of his fellow-citizens in both houses of the State Legislature, Hon. Francis Prescott has rendered valuable service to the community and the district in which he lives. Few men of Grafton are better known and none are more highly esteemed than is Mr. Prescott.

The Prescott family is the oldest in Worcester County, tracing its descent from John Prescott, the pioneer settler in that section of the State. Otis B. Prescott, of Beacon Street, Boston, grandfather of Hon. Francis Prescott was a native of Lancaster, Massachusetts. He married Ruth W. Brooks, of Cambridge, daughter of Calvin and Ruth (Wetherbee) Brooks, and they were the parents of Calvin B., who married Lucy E. Francis, of Boston, daughter Nathaniel and Mary (Leavitt) Francis.

Hon. Francis Prescott, son of Calvin B. and Lucy E. (Francis) Prescott, was born in Newton, Massachusetts, December 28, 1877, and received his early education in the public schools of Newton. After two years' residence abroad he entered Harvard College, from which he was graduated in 1901, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1906, after several years spent with banking institutions in Boston, he removed to Grafton, Massachusetts, and interested himself in farming and with the development of what is now known as the Savings Bank of Grafton. That institution has been developed and placed on a sound footing, and is now known among the well-established financial concerns of Worcester County. In addition to his activities and responsibilities in connection with the Grafton Savings Bank, Mr. Prescott has taken an active part in public affairs, and in 1915 was elected to represent his district in the State House of Representatives. He served with notable efficiency in 1916 and 1918, when he was elected to the State Senate, where he again represented his constituents faithfully and with notable ability until 1920. He has served locally as chairman of

the Board of Selectmen, and has held various other town offices. In 1917, at the beginning of the World War, he was appointed by the President as a member of the Selective Service, and both in his local official service and in the wider responsibilities he assumed, he gave full satisfaction to those whom he represented, and holds the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens. He is well known in club circles, being a member of the Worcester Club, the Harvard Club of Worcester and of Boston, and the Exchange Club of Boston. His religious affiliation and that of his family is with the Congregational church.

On January 6, 1906, at Newton, Massachusetts, Hon. Francis Prescott married Louisa Stearns, daughter of Frank W. and Emily W. (Clark) Stearns, and they are the parents of four children: Emily and Elizabeth (twins), born October 6, 1907; Francis Stearns, born March 4, 1910; and John Clark, born December 16, 1911.

AUSTIN E. LIVINGSTONE, LL. B., counted among the progressive and forward-looking young men of Gardner, Massachusetts, has been a successful attorney since coming of age. He bore a part in the activities of the World War and has since been brought forward in the public service of Gardner, where his legal training and professional experience is making him useful to the people. Mr. Livingstone is a son of Edward J. Livingstone, who was born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and became identified with the street railway service of Framingham, Massachusetts, at the time of its being opened to the public. He is still active in that connection. Edward J. Livingstone married Mary F. McNamara, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, and was brought East by her parents when an infant in arms, her lifetime having been spent in Framingham and vicinity.

Austin E. Livingstone was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, April 5, 1890. He first attended the public schools of Framingham and later of Milford, and was graduated from the Milford High School in the class of 1907. He then entered Boston University Law School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. At that time still under twenty-one years of age, he could not take up the practice of law, and accordingly he spent a year as clerk in the law office of James Milton Hall, of Boston, then passed the bar examinations and was admitted to the bar in Massachusetts, in August, 1911. Shortly thereafter coming to Gardner, he opened his law office here and has been in practice independently since. Mr. Livingstone has built up an enviable reputation through his ability as an advocate and his exhaustive knowledge of the law, having achieved marked success. His commodious offices are in the Gardner Savings Bank Building. Enlisting in the service in the World War in December, 1917, Mr. Livingstone was detailed to the Officers' Training Camp at Columbus, Ohio, where he was commissioned second lieutenant on March 9, 1918, following which he was sent to the Wilbur Wright Field, at Dayton, Ohio. There he remained on duty until his discharge on December 16, 1918.

Politically Mr. Livingstone supports the Republican

party. He was brought forward as a member of the Town Advisory Board in 1917, serving for two years, and in 1919 was made a member of the Board of Health, serving one year, and is now a member of the School Committee of Gardner. A cordial and earnest worker in all movements for civic advance and public welfare, he is esteemed as one of Gardner's able lawyers and progressive citizens. Mr. Livingstone is a member of Gardner Council, No. 396, Knights of Columbus, and the Bishop Beaven Assembly (fourth degree) Knights of Columbus. He is a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and the Gamma Eta Gamma, a legal fraternity. He is a member of the American Legion, the Oak Hill Country Club, and the Chair City Club of Gardner, and is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce.

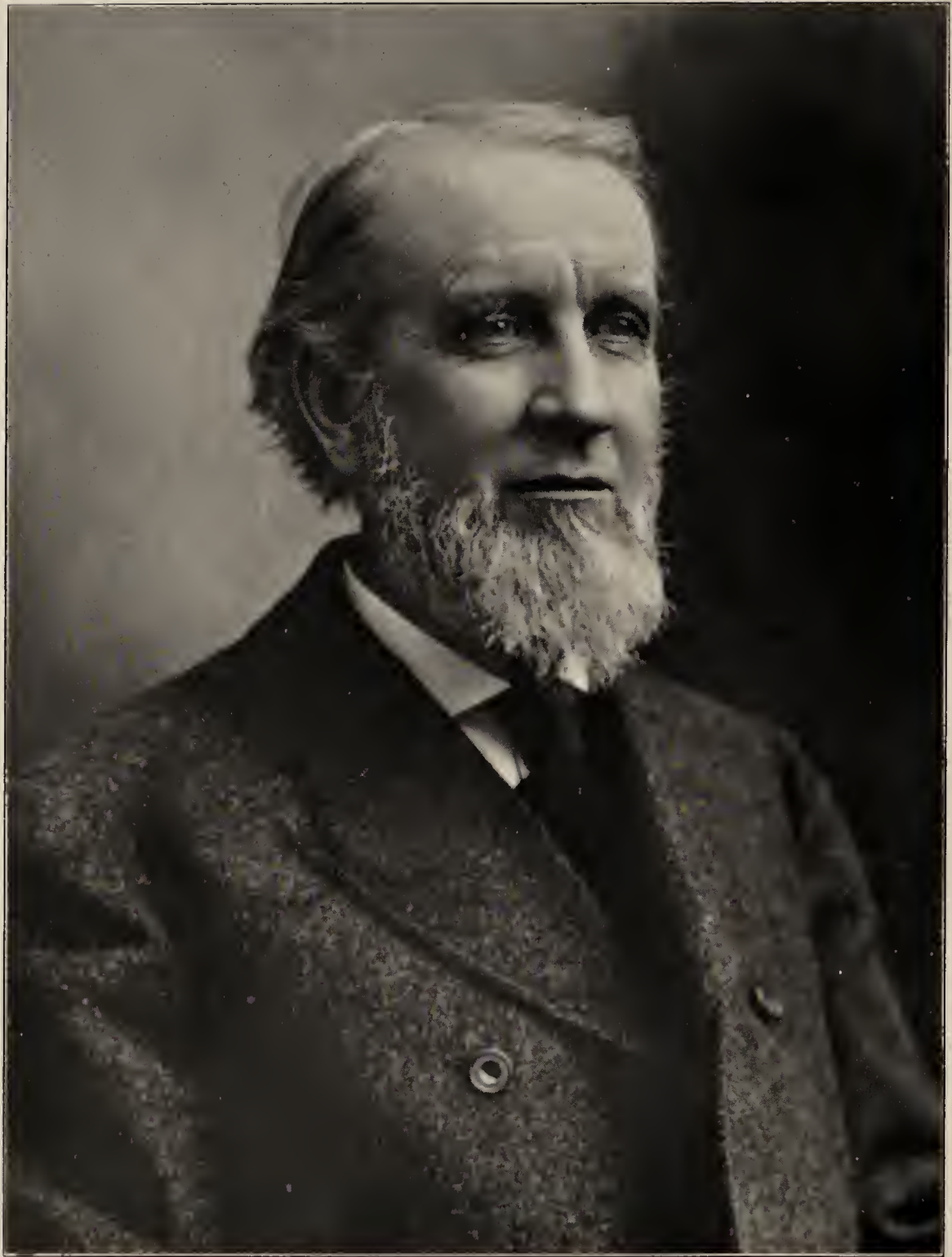
Mr. Livingstone married, on August 17, 1915, Mary Sullivan, of Ware, Massachusetts, and they have one child, Edward Austin, born May 29, 1922.

WALTER NAHUM HOWE—For the last twenty-four years Walter Nahum Howe has been the efficient business manager of the Leominster "Enterprise," with which concern he has been associated throughout the entire period of his active career. He is widely known in Worcester County, and is one of the important factors in the success of the publication with which he is identified.

Walter Nahum Howe was born in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, February 13, 1866, son of Nahum Howe and Nancy A. (Harris) Howe, the former of whom was engaged first as a mill operator and later as the proprietor of a saw mill. Walter Nahum Howe received his earliest education in the public schools of his native district, and then became a student in Cushing Academy. When his academic course was completed he prepared for his business career by taking a commercial course in the Bryant & Stratton Business School of Boston. On August 2, 1886, he became an apprentice in the employ of the Leominster "Enterprise," where he learned the printer's trade. He was energetic and industrious, and it was characteristic of the man that he was content with nothing less than the best degree of skill in whatever work he undertook. He was soon made foreman, and after a few years became a member of the firm, in which organization he held the office of treasurer. For the last twenty-four years, as has been stated, he has held the position of business manager, and it is to his enterprise and energy that a large degree of the success of the business is due. He has steadily increased the subscription list, has succeeded in collecting bills where more than one person has failed, and has held the organization to a high standard of business honor and integrity. He is a "hustler" in the best sense of the word, and the service he renders is invaluable. In addition to his responsibilities in connection with the "Enterprise" office, Mr. Howe has for several years served as a member of the board of trustees of the City Library, and that position he still holds. He is a member of the Associated Press, and finds recreation in traveling, especially in an automobile. Fraternally he is a member of Monoosnock Council, Royal Arcanum, of Leomin-



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ster, which several years ago he served as Regent. He is also a member of Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Leominster; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Fitchburg; Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar, of Fitchburg; and of Leominster Lodge, No. 86, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He holds membership in the Masonic Club, and his religious connection is with the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Leominster, of which he is a member and has been clerk of same for twenty-three years.

Mr. Howe married, at Leominster, Massachusetts, October 22, 1890, Hattie M. Wright, daughter of George O. and Mary (Blood) Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Howe are the parents of five children: Mildred W., who was born October 5, 1892; Helen M., who was born May 29, 1895, married William James, of Leominster, and they have one child, Robert Howe, born September 13, 1921; Laura E., who was born March 29, 1897; Ruth E., who was born August 4, 1900; and Evelyn L., who was born September 19, 1911.

HON. JOEL D. MILLER—A life which meant much to the people of Leominster, Massachusetts, and indeed to Worcester County and to the State of Massachusetts, was that of the Hon. Joel D. Miller, clergyman, editor, public servant, and at all times the progressive spirit, the benevolent citizen, the fearless agitator for right and condemner of wrong, in short, the Christian gentleman. Senator Miller's life from youth down through the years to the hour of his passing was an example of the highest virtues and an exponent of worthy effort, and his memory forms one of the cherished treasures of the people of Leominster.

Joel D. Miller was born at Athol, Massachusetts, October 10, 1837. His early education was acquired in the local schools and after a preparatory course at Bernardston Academy, he entered Williams College, at Williamstown, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in the class of 1864, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and entitled to the Phi Beta Kappa pin. Two years after his graduation he supplied a pulpit at West Royalston, Massachusetts, and at that time was ordained a minister of the Baptist church. The opening before him of other worthy branches of professional effort determined him upon declining a regular pastorate, and as long as he lived, although he preached frequently and much good resulted from his public utterances, he never held a regular charge. Although ordained in the Baptist church, the pulpits of many denominations were the scenes of his Christian service, and in later years he became a deacon emeritus of the Pilgrim Congregational Church. The profession of pedagogy was Mr. Miller's early field of endeavor, and after teaching in Jewett (New York) Academy and the Athol (Massachusetts) High School, he was made principal of the Field High School of Leominster, Massachusetts, March 27, 1867, thereby becoming the thirteenth principal of that institution. He served in that capacity for about a quarter of a century, giving the influence of a great spirit, and impressing upon the plastic minds of the youth who came under his teachings the mark of his own lofty ideals. Many young men and women of that day graduated from this school, went out into the world to lives of broad useful-

ness in the professions and in commercial and industrial activities and carried with them inspiring memories of Mr. Miller's personality and teachings. These memories bore deep significance to their lives, for they had loved him and had learned of him the lessons of truth and fidelity to the principles of right in a way which never could have been accomplished under a less genial and understanding instructor. His influence remained with them through the years and followed them into their every relation in life, giving them courage in trying circumstances and faith at all times in the good and worthy.

In the year 1885 Mr. Miller entered upon a field of effort, wider, because its scope is unlimited, and because in this field the utterance of the man finds permanent form—journalism. At that time he purchased the Leominster "Enterprise," a weekly paper founded many years previous, but in his taking over the management of the concern and the editing of the sheet, its scope was widely increased and its significance to the public became more definite. It has been said of Mr. Miller's work as a writer:

His writings were such pure English as to attract widespread attention. At one time they were given prominence among the classics at Clark University. When Mr. Miller cared to be critical his invective was sharp, but he never struck an unfair blow. He fought hard for the right and fought fairly, "with malice toward none and charity for all." His skill in debate was proverbial. Never at loss for words, ready with a pun or apt story in repartee, he was considered a formidable opponent in any sort of a deliberate assembly.

The paper became a daily under his management in the year 1895, and this very naturally brought a great increase in subscriptions and a consequent widening of the influence of the paper. The company was incorporated in the year 1898, under the title of the J. D. Miller Company, Mr. Miller continuing throughout his lifetime as president. It was perhaps his significance to the public as a fearless and conscientious journalist that led to Mr. Miller's candidacy for State Senator. He was elected in the year 1894 and served for three years in the higher body of the State Legislature with distinction and eminent credit, both to himself and to his constituents. In educational affairs in the State Senator Miller was largely influential and was always given a place of leadership. He served on the State Board of Education from 1895 to 1909, and during this period the establishment of the State Normal School in the city of Fitchburg was accomplished largely through his efforts. His work in this connection was commemorated by the naming of one of the buildings in his honor, the Miller Dormitory. In local affairs, as well as those of wider import, Senator Miller took an eminently constructive part, but although he was frequently sought as a candidate for one office or another, he generally declined political honors in the town of his residence. He served for many years, however, as a trustee of the Public Library, and both in this connection and in every advance movement or worthy effort he devoted much of his time to the general progress. He was widely affiliated fraternally, holding membership in Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Monoosnock Council, Royal Arcanum, and was Past Master of the lodge and a charter member of the council. He was also a member of Tahanto Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Not only in organized fraternities, but in every human relation Senator Miller's brotherly spirit was a part of his daily life. Toward all who held any claim upon him, whether friend, beneficiary, or employee, he was always a wise counsellor and a steadfast friend. The mourning was deep and universal when he died. The end was not unexpected. Senator Miller fell at his home in Washington Street, July 10, 1919, and sustained a broken hip. At his advanced age this was a very serious matter, and in spite of the best of medical and surgical care he succumbed to the complications which ensued. His death occurred on September 21, 1919, and it evoked countless expressions of the deepest regret and the most lasting affection for this man among men. The general sentiment was well expressed in an appreciation published in the Leominster "Enterprise":

Those who know and love Mr. Miller best will remember his strong attachment to life in its fullest sense, his keen appreciation of true mirth and humor, his sincere and deep enjoyment of friendship in all its possible meaning, his joyful spirit that rose superior to all the sorrows and trials of earth and that "shineth ever more and more unto the perfect day." That spirit and that love must transcend the last great change and find an eternal reunion with all he loved below.

Senator Miller married Maria Sanderson, who survived him, and they were the parents of two children: 1. Carrie L., who after graduating from the high school assisted her father in that institution, and died in 1887, aged twenty-one years. 2. Florence M., who was graduated from Leominster High School, and after attending Radcliffe College for one year became a student in the Fitchburg Normal School, whence she was graduated in 1898. From 1900 to 1919 she was continuously engaged as a teacher in the latter institution, with the exception of a two-year leave of absence.

GEORGE R. GODFREY—A life enriched by the fullness of duties performed and work accomplished; by the passing on of that legacy of labor created by his own efforts, George R. Godfrey departed this life having gone beyond the many milestones of threescore years and ten. His character, by the sheer force of which he built up an industry that lives on as his best monument, was one, too, that made him beloved and honored in the community where he came a young man, penniless and alone. He reaped riches from his life and labors, and he gave service that will long make his memory one to awaken thoughts and emotions of esteem and honor among the citizens of his adopted city.

George R. Godfrey was born at North Wiltshire, Prince Edward Island, and came to the United States at the age of sixteen years, alone and without friends or influence, to make his own way to success in life. He settled first in Portland, Maine, where he served an apprenticeship to a harness maker, and when he had accomplished this he worked as a journeyman in Newport, New Hampshire, gaining experience in the trade. He then opened a small shop of his own in Hinsdale, New Hampshire, but in 1869 it was entirely destroyed by fire, and not having had it insured he was left utterly penniless by this disaster. On March 31, 1869, he came to Gardner, and with nothing now but his knowledge as a master craftsman he opened a business without a dollar, on the smallest scale, presenting himself as a harness

maker, ready to do any kind of work or repairs in the leather line. He was located on Chestnut Street, one of the main thoroughfares, and his industry and zeal, his honesty and integrity, soon gained for him a reputation among the important manufacturing concerns as a young man of fine character, and his good work brought its own reward in a steadily growing business. Not content with a local trade, he branched out, and gradually developed interests that carried his harness and other leather goods to continually increasing points of distance, until finally he had created a trade that covered in area places in all parts of the United States. He continued the operation of his business alone until 1920, when he had it incorporated as the G. R. Godfrey Company. In the meantime, however, about six years earlier, he had taken his son, Henry R. Godfrey, into his employ, and his activities had materially assisted in the growth of the establishment, while his other son, Edgar L. Godfrey, had also been in his employ, and later developed an active interest in its progress. At the time of its incorporation Mr. Godfrey felt that he had reached an age where he wished to give to other and younger hands the main responsibilities of the business, feeling, too, that he had earned a respite and the privilege of taking a little more leisure for other occupations that were of interest to him. His son, Henry R., was therefore made the president of the corporation, and George R. Godfrey kept the responsibilities of the office of treasurer. Mr. Godfrey, besides his interest in his own business, was active in civic matters and prominent in other and various industrial matters. It was through his enthusiastic labors that the Gardner Board of Trade was established, and he became one of its first presidents. He later became also president of the Gardner Business Men's Association, and his progressive spirit was active in all matters that tended to the growth and development and betterment of conditions in Gardner. He was a member of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; the Gardner Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Knights of Pythias; and Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Godfrey died on January 26, 1923, at the age of seventy-nine years.

He married Addie Randall, of Manchester, New Hampshire, and they were the parents of two sons, Henry R. and Edgar L. Mr. Godfrey is survived by his widow and his sons.

A man of strong personal magnetism, genial and affable, he won for himself many friends in all walks of life, and the place he leaves in the commercial, social, civic, and fraternal life of his city will long remain unfilled. The firm he established more than half a century ago he built upon so solid a foundation of character that it stands to-day an edifice, honoring his memory in all its varied activities.

HENRY R. GODFREY, as treasurer of the G. R. Godfrey Company, manufacturers of harness and leather goods, holds a leading position in the business world of Gardner, Massachusetts. This firm, which is nationally known and is a leader in its field, was founded in 1869 by George R. Godfrey, Mr. Godfrey's father.

Henry R. Godfrey was born in Gardner, Massachu-

setts, February 18, 1892, elder son of George R. and Addie (Randall) Godfrey. His education was begun in the public schools of Gardner, and he was graduated from the Gardner High School in the class of 1909. Subsequently entering Clark University, at Worcester, Massachusetts, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1912, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Thereafter for two years Mr. Godfrey was identified with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, working out of the Boston office, but in 1914 he associated himself with his father in the present business. Beginning at the bottom and familiarizing himself with its various departments by the practical method of active work in each, he fitted himself for the executive responsibility which was placed in his hands upon the incorporation of the firm in 1919, when he was made president of the company. This office he held until the death of his father, when the present officers were elected: Edward L. Godfrey, president; Henry R. Godfrey, treasurer; and Addie (Randall) Godfrey, clerk; Henry R. Godfrey taking over the responsible office that his father had held before him.

Mr. Godfrey now stands among the influential and successful men of the day in Gardner and is counted among the most progressive young men of this section. He is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is identified with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His chief recreations are those of the outdoor, and he is a member of the Gardner Boat Club. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church, which he serves as a member of the board of trustees.

Henry R. Godfrey married, in 1915, Blanche Carlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Carlton, proprietor of the Carlton Engraving Company of Worcester, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey have two children: Margery L. and Eleanor C.

Associated with Henry R. Godfrey in the management of the G. R. Godfrey Company is his brother, Edgar L. Godfrey, younger son of George R. and Addie (Randall) Godfrey, who was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, May 27, 1894. He attended the grammar schools of his native town, and graduated from the Gardner High School, class of 1912. He then went to Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, and followed this by attending the Wharton Schools of the University of Pennsylvania. At this time, 1917, the World War was entered by the United States and he enlisted in the Navy Officers' Training Camp, at Pelham Bay, New York. After the war he went with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, taking charge of their promotional and advertising work in Brazil, South America, and in May, 1921, he entered the firm of G. R. Godfrey Company, as sales manager. In 1923, after the death of his father, he was made president of the company, in which position he is to-day. Mr. Godfrey is affiliated with the First Congregational Church of Gardner. He is a member of the Gardner Boat Club; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Hope Lodge, Free and

Accepted Masons; and is also a member of the Theta Delta Psi fraternity.

HON. AUGUSTUS E. WRIGHT—A leading figure in public affairs in mercantile advance and in fraternal activity in Southboro, Massachusetts, is Hon. Augustus E. Wright, whose interests center in Boston, but who for many years has been identified with the local affairs of Southboro, the town in which he was born. Mr. Wright has been interested in various lines of commercial advance, and is influential in this community in every progressive endeavor. He is a son of Francis and Clara (Stevens) Wright, long esteemed citizens of this community. His father was for more than fifty years the owner and proprietor of a general store in Fayville, and continued in this interest until 1916, when he retired. His death occurred April 20, 1921.

The Wright family has been identified with Worcester County for several generations. Mr. Wright's paternal grandfather operated shoddy and woolen mills at Farnumville and Barre. His son, Francis Wright, was born in Farnumville.

Augustus E. Wright was born at Fayville, town of Southboro, Massachusetts, February 25, 1878. Receiving his early education in the local public schools, he prepared for college at the Phillips-Andover Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in the class of 1896. He pursued a course of study at Harvard University in the class of 1900. Mr. Wright's first business experience was in association with George H. Newton, of Boston, a leading architect of that time, but he remained in this connection for only a comparatively short period. In 1902 he became associated with his father in the conduct of the general store at Fayville and remained in this connection for a period of fourteen years and more. From 1917 until the early part of 1923 Mr. Wright was in the employ of the Standard Steel Motor Car Company of Boston, as manager of their retail department. In March, 1923, he associated himself with the firm of Rand & Crane, Inc., jewelers, silversmiths, and watchmakers, of Boston, and in this affiliation he is winning a large success, his long experience in other lines of commercial advance contributing in a marked degree to his present prosperity. In the public life of the town of Southboro, Massachusetts, of which Fayville is a part, Mr. Wright has for many years been active, although only at times in an official capacity. For several years he served on the Advisory Committee of the town, and in 1911 he was made Representative of Southboro in the Massachusetts State Legislature. His public activities have been such as to give his name broad significance to the people and reflect honor upon himself, and his townsmen feel that he has contributed in a large degree to the local prosperity. Fraternally, Mr. Wright is affiliated with St. Bernard's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and he is a member of the Southboro Golf Club, also the Harvard Club of Boston.

Hon. Augustus E. Wright married, on January 28, 1903, at Southboro, Massachusetts, Helen M. Buck, daughter of Francis H. Buck of this place, and they

are leading figures in the social life of the community, the family residence being at Oak Hill Road, Fayville, Massachusetts.

LINCOLN RUFUS WELCH—It is said that peace of mind and a sense of security are the necessary conditions of creative work. If that be true, then those business organizations which devote their resources to the economic protection of their patrons render a service which extends far beyond the values which can be estimated in dollars and cents, and help to lay the foundations and protect the growth of all that is best in human development and achievement. Disaster in the form of loss by fire has caused much suffering and crippled or wrecked many plans for business, social and moral advancement, and to those well-managed organizations which for a moderate consideration assume the risk, and in case of loss indemnify the policy holder, society is indebted for the success of many enterprises and projects which are daily adding to the sum of human happiness and well being. One of the well-known citizens of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, who is devoting his energy to the protection of the public from losses by fire is Lincoln Rufus Welch, president and treasurer of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company, who has been actively associated with the insurance business since 1883.

Mr. Welch was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, April 19, 1865, and received his education in the public schools of that city, graduating from Lowell High School in June, 1883. In July, 1883, he entered the employ of the 'Traders' and Mechanics' Insurance Company, and during the four decades which have passed since that time he has been devoting his time and his energy to the advancement of the interests of two insurance enterprises. He maintained his first connection for fourteen years, handing in his resignation to the 'Traders' and Mechanics' Insurance Company June 30, 1897, in order to accept the official position of secretary of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company, to which he was elected by the directors of the latter concern July 1, 1897. For thirteen years he discharged the duties of that official position in such a manner as to greatly advance the interests of the organization, and at the end of that period of notably effective service, he was elected in August, 1910, president and treasurer of the company. For the past thirteen years he has guided the business policy of the enterprise from one triumph to another in the line of progress and expansion. The Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company is at the present time (1923) one of the best known and thoroughly established fire concerns of New England, and its field of operation extends far beyond the limits of that section of the country. As a good citizen, Mr. Welch is deeply interested in local public affairs, and has been willing to contribute his share to the active duties of citizenship. He was elected a member of the City Council of Lowell, Massachusetts, in 1897, and in 1923 was made a member of the Board of Health, of Fitchburg, the last-named official position being one in which he is still giving active and able service. Fraternally, he is a member of all the bodies of the Masonic fraternity, and is also a member of Fitchburg Lodge,

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is well known in club circles, being a member of the Fay Club, and of Oak Hill Country Club, both of Fitchburg, Massachusetts; of Vesper Country Club of Lowell, Massachusetts; and of the City Club of Boston, Massachusetts. His religious affiliation is with the First Universalist Church of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

He married (first), at Lowell, Massachusetts, May 15, 1891, Sadie L. Joyce, daughter of James H. and Alletta F. (Gibbs) Joyce. He married (second), at Lincoln, Nebraska, May 22, 1915, Mrs. Mary C. Hitchcock.

FREDERICK WHITCOMB PORTER—The successful conduct of any large business enterprise is dependent upon the ability and faithfulness of many. Each official incumbent and each departmental executive, as well as each of the many "men in the ranks," must meet the duties of his position faithfully and ably, if the enterprise is to reach its highest development and render its maximum of service. One of those who is serving ably as an official in the insurance field is Frederick Whitcomb Porter, secretary of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company, who, like the president and treasurer of that concern, has been identified with the business of protecting the public from fire losses from the beginning of his active career.

Mr. Porter is a descendant of one of the oldest Massachusetts families, tracing his descent from Richard Porter, who was in Weymouth, Massachusetts, as early as 1635, the line being traced as follows:

(I.) Richard Porter settled in 1635 in Weymouth, Massachusetts, where he was one of the prominent citizens of that place, serving in most of the local public offices and upon numerous committees, and where he died between December 25, 1688, and March 6, 1689. His children were: John, of further mention; Ruth, Thomas, and Mary.

(II.) Sergeant John Porter, son of Richard Porter, lived in Weymouth, Massachusetts, where he received many land grants. He also purchased much land in ancient Bridgewater. He married, February 9, 1660, Deliverance Byram, daughter of Nicholas and Martha (Shaw) Byram, and their children were: Mary, Susanna, John, Samuel, of further mention; Nicholas, Ruth, Thomas, Ebenezer, and Sarah.

(III.) Samuel Porter, son of Sergeant John and Deliverance (Byram) Porter, was a town officer in Weymouth in 1709, and probably removed to Abington soon after that date. He married, about 1698, Mary Nash, daughter of Jacob and Abigail (Dyer) Nash, of Weymouth, and died August 31, 1725. Children: Samuel, of further mention; Mary, David, Jacob, Hannah, John, and Abigail.

(IV.) Samuel (2) Porter, son of Samuel (1) and Mary (Nash) Porter, was born May 14, 1699, and lived in Abington and Bridgewater. He married (first), July 2, 1722, Sarah Josselyn, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Ford) Josselyn; (second), May 31, 1764, Widow Ruth Reed. His children, all of the first marriage, were: Sarah, Mary, Samuel, Joseph, of further mention; Ebenezer, Mary, Adam, Hannah, Batterius, Noah, Jonathan, Deliverance, Abigail, Tabitha, and Sarah.

(V.) Lieutenant Joseph Porter, son of Samuel (2)



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and Sarah (Josselyn) Porter, was born in Abington, Massachusetts, June 10, 1730, and died January 15, 1803. He removed to Bridgewater about 1765, and in 1777 removed to Stoughton. He was a lieutenant in the militia during the time of the Revolutionary War. He married, January 25, 1753, Elizabeth Burrill of Weymouth, daughter of Samuel and Content (Whitcomb) Burrill, and their children were: Elizabeth, Joseph, Hannah, Robert, Isaac, Content, Mehitable, Lebbeus, of further mention, and Cyrus.

(VI.) Lebbeus Porter, son of Lieutenant Joseph and Elizabeth (Burrill) Porter, was born in Stoughton, Massachusetts, April 22, 1771, and died April 17, 1848, aged seventy-seven years. He lived in Stoughton and in Wrentham, and is recorded as being an "upright Christian, father, husband, citizen." He married (first), December 4, 1794, Polly Brastow, daughter of Thomas and Susannah (Fisher) Brastow, of Wrentham, Massachusetts. She died June 2, 1810, and he married (second), April 23, 1812, Nancy Hall. She died February 27, 1815, and he married (third), August 19, 1816, Nancy King, daughter of Samuel King. She died December 31, 1822, and he married (fourth), November 28, 1839, Roxa Day, who died January 8, 1852. Children of the first marriage were: Polly, Martha, Whitcomb, of further mention; Joseph, William Glover, Elizabeth Burrill, Caroline, Thomas Brastow, and Susannah Fisher. Children of the second marriage: John Hall, Nancy King, Harriett Everett, and Samuel King.

(VII.) Whitcomb Porter, son of Lebbeus and Polly (Brastow) Porter, was born in Stoughton, Massachusetts, March 10, 1799. He was a carpenter by trade, but was also engaged in business as a merchant and an insurance agent. He went to Weymouth about 1820, then to Quincy, where he was a highly esteemed citizen. He married, December 7, 1826, Susan Bowditch Hunt, daughter of Ebenezer and Betsey (Nash) Hunt, of Weymouth, and their children were: John Whitcomb, of further mention; George Edward, born in Weymouth, November 4, 1828; Henry Thomas, born in Weymouth, July 13, 1832; Susan Brastow, born July 17, 1836; Ann Marie Hunt, born October 26, 1838, died January 23, 1842; Charles Hunt, born in Quincy, April 3, 1843; and Helen Maria, born in Quincy, March 15, 1847.

(VIII.) John Whitcomb Porter, son of Whitcomb and Susan Bowditch (Hunt) Porter, was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts, August 2, 1827, and died November 11, 1890. He was engaged in business as an insurance agent at No. 27 State Street, Boston, and was for several years a member of the Boston School Committee. He married, July 17, 1851, Ellen Howland, who was born May 10, 1832, daughter of Jabez and Dorcas (Jenkins) Howland, of West Parish, Barnstable, Massachusetts, and a direct descendant of John Howland, who came over in the "Mayflower." They were the parents of: Francis Howland, born June 4, 1854; John Ilsley, born August 16, 1856; William Wallace, born March 24, 1859; Ellen Wild, born July 23, 1861; Henry Herbert, born March 23, 1865, died January 13, 1866; Frederick Whitcomb, of further mention; and Arthur Butler, born November 16, 1873.

(IX.) Frederick Whitcomb Porter, son of John Whitcomb and Ellen (Howland) Porter, was born in the

family home at No. 34 Port Norfolk Street, Dorchester District, Boston, Massachusetts, July 14, 1867. After receiving his early education in the schools of his native city and Minot Grammar School, he became a student in the English High School at Boston, where, after completing the regular course, he took a post-graduate business course. When his special business course in the English High School was completed he at once engaged in the insurance business, taking an agency for the Dorchester Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Boston, the First National Insurance Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, and the Glens Falls Fire Insurance Company of Glens Falls, New York, and locating at No. 27 State Street, Boston. Mr. Porter was able and energetic, and deeply interested in his work, and after a time was made secretary of the Dorchester Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which position he continued to maintain until the time he was made secretary of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In all of these connections he demonstrated his ability both as a salesman and as an organizer and administrator. His ability to get new business and to inspire others to more effective efforts in the securing of new business was recognized and greatly appreciated, and in 1917 he was made Secretary of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which official position he continues to hold at the present time (1923). His long experience in the insurance field, as well as his natural ability, has made him one of the recognized authorities in his line, and also enables him to contribute a valuable share to the advancement of the interests of the concern with which he is now identified. With all his business responsibilities and activities he has found time for club affiliation. He is a member of the executive committee of the Fay Club, and derives out-of-door recreation as a member the Oak Hill Country Club. He is a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, Mutual Insurance Association of New England, and the National Fire Protective Association. His religious interest is with the First Unitarian Church of Fitchburg Massachusetts, of which he is a member. He votes the Republican ticket. Mr. Porter is well known in the city of Fitchburg and vicinity, and has many friends who esteem him not only as a successful business man but as a valued personal friend and a worthy citizen.

On February 11, 1892, at No. 46 Port Norfolk Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts, Frederick Whitcomb Porter married A. Louise Bowker, daughter of Henry and A. Louise (Miers) Bowker. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are the parents of three children: Marjorie Whitcomb, born March 31, 1893; Jeannette Howland, born May 25, 1894; and John Whitcomb, born September 10, 1898.

CHARLES W. PENDER—In the business life of Worcester County, Massachusetts, Charles W. Pender is a well-known figure as a leading real estate dealer in the city of Worcester. With experience in other lines of endeavor, and the practical ability which counts for success in every field, Mr. Pender has won his way to an enviable position and is counted among the influential and significant men of the day in the city of Worcester. A member of a family identified with the progress of the industries in the State of Massachusetts

for many years, he is a son of James Maxwell Pender, who was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, but resided in the western part of the State for many years. James M. Pender was active in the textile industry until his death, which occurred in Worcester in 1921. He married Nancy Ann Croft, who was born in North Adams, Massachusetts, and died in Worcester in 1920.

Charles W. Pender was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, February 9, 1874. Educated in the public schools of that city, his early years were spent in the textile industry there, and he followed this general line of endeavor for about twenty years, during the greater part of the time in an executive position. In 1909 Mr. Pender definitely severed his connection with the industrial world to enter the real estate business in the city of Worcester, and his success has proved the wisdom of the step. He has not only gained a high position in his chosen field of activity, but has contributed much to the general advance of the city and its environs. Mr. Pender was one of the organizers of the Fairview Improvement Society of Worcester, which he served as president for three years. He built the Community Hall, which with its land cost \$30,000. This is located in what is called New Worcester, and the fame of this community undertaking has spread throughout the country. With offices at No. 1034 the Slater Building, he handles large interests in real estate, and is also active in the various branches of insurance which make up the present day protection available against all forms of loss and damage. His judgment and ability are so highly prized in the business world that he is retained as appraiser for the Merchants' National Bank of Worcester, also the Clinton Savings Bank, the Five Cent Savings Bank, and the Worcester County Institute for Savings. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce; was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Worcester Real Estate Exchange; is president of the Fairview Improvement Society, and is a leading member of the Exchange Club and the Worcester Automobile Club. He attends the First Baptist Church of Worcester.

Mr. Pender married, in 1898, Cora E. Lee, who was born in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of the following children: William W., now associated with his father in business; Anna L., also connected with the business; Cora M., a student at the Worcester High School; Robert R., a student at the Worcester Trade School; Burton B., attending Gates School; and John J., also in the Gates School. The family home is at No. 2 Abington Street, Worcester, and is the center of a delightful social group.

JOHN H. JOHNSON was born at Dana, Massachusetts, December 9, 1864, the son of Hon. Nathaniel L. and Margaretta (Harsha) Johnson. Mr. Johnson is a member of a very old family of this section, his great-grandfather, Stephen Johnson, having come from Marlboro, settled in Dana in 1763, and became the first chairman of Selectmen of the new town of Dana, and was largely instrumental in founding the town. He was a Magistrate under the King, a soldier of the Revolution, and again a Magistrate under the Commonwealth. He represented the town in the General Court, and his

son, Nathaniel Johnson, was also a member of the General Court and Trial Justice, as was his grandson, the Hon. Nathaniel L. Johnson.

John H. Johnson, following his early studies in the local district schools, attended New Salem Academy, at New Salem, Massachusetts, then Cushing Academy, at Ashburnham, Massachusetts, after which he entered Dartmouth College with the class of 1888, later leaving that institution to take up the study of law at the Boston University with the class of 1889, with which he was graduated. Within the year, Mr. Johnson was admitted to the bar of his native State, and entered upon the practice of law in association with W. A. Gile, of Worcester, Massachusetts, where he was active for two years. He then entered upon the general practice of law independently, in Worcester, following along this line of activity for about ten years. Thereafter, Mr. Johnson returned to the homestead farm at Dana, Massachusetts, where he still resides and is active in practice at the present time. He has, until recent years, carried on the manufacturing business of which his father was for many years the head, producing palm leaf products. During the World War he was unable to procure the necessary materials, so simply discontinued the business and has not resumed it.

Mr. Johnson has for many years been a leading figure in the public life of Dana, and has served as Selectman for ten years, during all but the first year of which period he acted as chairman of the board. He has been an Assessor for nine years, and for five years was active as town auditor, and for a similar period served on the School Committee. This breadth of usefulness in the public service led to Mr. Johnson's nomination for district Representative on an independent ticket, in the year 1922, and his popularity in the community was well demonstrated by the fact that he carried the town by a vote of one hundred and eighty-one to thirty-four. The activities of the World War commanded much of Mr. Johnson's time and energy, and he served on the local Draft Board, and also supported every home war activity of that period. Mr. Johnson's time is now almost wholly devoted to his public services of a local nature. He is a member of the Theta Delta Chi of Dartmouth College, and attends the Universalist church.

Mr. Johnson married, at Sterling, Massachusetts, November 19, 1889, Flora P. Barnes, born at Norwich, Connecticut, a daughter of William and Ellen Jane (Holyoke) Barnes, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of four children: Marion E., born March 6, 1897, in Worcester, Massachusetts, and educated at Barre High School, Cushing Academy, and Worcester Business College; Nathaniel L., born in Worcester, in 1898, died in that city in 1900; twins, Steven Dans and Stanley Phillips, born in North Dana, Massachusetts, in 1901; Steven Dans died in 1901; and Stanley Phillips in Worcester, in 1918, of the influenza.

FRANK EDWARD WING—As a constructive business man, a public speaker, a community leader, one of the foremost Masons in the State, and as one of the best loved and most widely known men of his town, the life of Frank Edward Wing presents a scope of endeavor and diversity of attainments seldom equalled

and rarely surpassed. His death, at the very height of his usefulness and powers, was a distinct loss to his church, his community, his business and his fraternity. Scores of newspapers and trade journals published eulogistic surveys of his exemplary life, that showed only too clearly how much this leading citizen had meant to his fellow townsmen, and how greatly he would be missed. Although comparatively short in years, the life of Frank Edward Wing was long and full in the number and variety of his achievements. An upright man and Mason, he has gone in search of further light in the great fraternity he loved so well and served so faithfully.

Frank Edward Wing was born in Conway, Massachusetts, June 27, 1865, a son of Edward Everett and Helen Jane (Newman) Wing, and was one of the fifth generation of the family of Wing in Conway. He was of the tenth generation removed from the family progenitor, Matthew Wing, or Wyng, of Banbury, in Oxford County, England. The family bore arms as follows:

Arms—Per pale argent and vert, a maunch counter-changed.

Crest—A maunch per pale argent and vert, between two wings or.

Motto—*Tout pour Dieu et ma patrie.*

The line of descent of the American branch is as follows: John and Deborah (Batchelder) Wing, of Saugus, now Lynn, Massachusetts; John and Elizabeth Wing, of Lynn and Yarmouth, Massachusetts; Ananias and Hannah Wing, of Yarmouth; John and Mary (Knowles) Wing, of Plymouth, Eastham, and Brewster, Massachusetts; John and Abigail (Snow) Wing, of Harwich and Conway; the Rev. Isaiah and Zelinda (Allis) Wing, of Conway, Massachusetts; Lucius Bliss and Abigail (Wilson) Wing, of Conway; and Edward Everett and Helen Jane (Newman) Wing, of Conway, Massachusetts. Among Mr. Wing's forebears, his great-great-great-great-grandfather, Ananias Wing, served as a soldier in King Phillip's War (1675); his great-grandfather served in the Revolutionary War in the famous Colonel Nicholas Dike's regiment (1776); his great uncle was one of the firing squad when Major Andre was executed as a spy. The family of Wing ranks as one of the finest and oldest of the old New England families.

Frank Edward Wing's early education was received in the public schools of Conway, following which he attended Smith Academy at Hatfield, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in the year 1882. He matriculated at Yale University in the fall of the same year, and was graduated with the class of 1886 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was chosen by his class as fence orator and class historian, two signal honors won only by ability and popularity. He was also chosen chairman of the editorial board of the "Yale Courant," a college periodical of more than usual excellence. During his undergraduate days he was further honored by election to Psi Upsilon, one of the foremost of the national Greek-letter fraternities. Mr. Wing's dominant but winning personality that so endeared him to the citizens of Athol was just as evident in his collegiate years, as was evinced by the unusual popularity and the correlative honors accorded him. He was *persona grata* at all college functions and with all college classes,

and this general regard was destined to become amplified and intensified with the years. Frank E. Wing came to Athol, Massachusetts, in April, 1887, and entered the employ of the late Laroy S. Starrett in the capacity of bookkeeper and clerk, constituting at that time the **entire office force**. The sound and gradual growth of the L. S. Starrett Company was, to a great degree, given impetus by the skill and ability of Mr. Wing. In 1900, the business had grown from a small, one-room shop to a large and commodious plant, and upon its incorporation Mr. Wing was chosen clerk and director, both of which offices he held and ably filled until 1912, when his duties and responsibilities were greatly increased by being given still another position, that of treasurer. These three important offices were held and their many duties admirably discharged by Mr. Wing up to the time of his death. In his work he was indefatigable. He constantly kept in touch with all divisions of the business and watched the pulse of trade intently. In order to better get in touch with the foreign trade he became a student of the languages, especially that of Spanish, and personally supervised the compilation of data to be used in the foreign advertising. His work in bringing the L. S. Starrett Company up to its present size and excellent condition can not be over-emphasized. Mr. Wing's other business connections and interests were with the Athol Machine Company, in which concern he had held the offices of clerk and director since the year 1905. He had also been a trustee of the Athol Savings Bank since 1900, filling the position with his customary ability.

In his military service he was sergeant of Company 8, 18th Regiment, Massachusetts State Guard, and during the World War he served as a "Four Minute Man," and was also chairman of the Massachusetts Industrial Committee of Athol during that period. For many years he was chairman of the Athol Library Board, and in his political affiliations was a member of the Republican party, of which he was a staunch supporter, serving his party and his community as a member of the Town Committee, and as a delegate to the nominating conventions. Town and community affairs were always of deep interest to him, many newspapers having since spoken of the great love he bore for his town and townspeople. As chairman of the Athol School Committee he gave valuable service from the year 1900 to 1906. He was also a library trustee for the years 1903, 1904, and 1905, and was at one time chairman of the appropriation committee. No matter how occupied with his many business duties, Mr. Wing would always lend his personal and financial support to any movement designed to further the advancement of the public welfare or to improve civic or community conditions. His fraternal record is especially worthy of more than cursory mention. He was a Free Mason and a Knights Templar in the fullest and finest meanings of the terms. He was a Past Master of Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Past High Priest of Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Past Commander of Athol Commandery, Knights Templar. He was a member of the Harris Council, Select Masters, secretary of the chapter for ten years, and recorder of the commandery for two years. Of his work in these last three offices, Mr. E. V. Wilson says:

His records are models of their kind for being comprehensive, complete, concise and, added to this, their print-like legibility and the artistic, hand-illuminated initials and other decorations, place them in a class by themselves.

In the year 1900 Mr. Wing was appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest of the district, and served for the three following years. He was then elected Excellent Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Massachusetts, which election made him a permanent member of that Grand body. From 1906 up to the time of his death he had acted as treasurer of Athol Commandery, Knights Templar. He presided at the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of Athol Commandery as Eminent Commander, and at the fiftieth year anniversary of Star Lodge he delivered the oration, which "was received with the unstinted applause of the brethren, who listened with rapt and undivided attention." Mr. Wing's forensic ability was unusual, and consequently he was in demand out of all proportion to his time and strength. During the fiftieth anniversary of Union Chapter, Free and Accepted Masons, he presided as toastmaster. Mr. Wing was also a Past Patron of Themis Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. While he was Master of Star Lodge he began a correspondence with his Grace, the Duke of Atholl, Scotland, with the result that his Grace presented the lodge with a gavel made from the larchwood trees from the forests of Atholl.

Frank Edward Wing married, at Athol, Massachusetts, September 28, 1892, Edith Mary Smith, a daughter of Henry Alanson and Maria (Smith) Smith, members of an old Massachusetts family. Mrs. Wing's paternal grandfather was Joseph Smith, and her maternal grandfather was Lafayette M. Smith. Mrs. Wing's father, Henry A. Smith, was a Civil War veteran.

Edith Mary (Smith) Wing was born at Petersham, Massachusetts, June 27, 1870, her early education being obtained in the Athol graded schools, and afterwards the Athol High School, and upon being graduated from that institution she took a special course at the Boston Conservatory of Music. Mrs. Wing is a member of the Themis Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and has been both associate conductress and conductress of her chapter. She is also a charter member of the Woman's Club of Athol, and is past vice-president of it. Mr. and Mrs. Wing were the parents of one child, Donald Goddard, who, having been graduated from the public and high schools of Athol, matriculated at Yale University, his father's *alma mater*, and is now in his sophomore year.

The death of Frank Edward Wing occurred May 12, 1923, at his home in Athol, after a long illness, during which, in spite of his failing health, he attended to the duties of his office. The passing of so prominent, so widely respected, and so well loved a man and Mason as Mr. Wing evoked a multitude of eulogies, editorials, and memoriams in the local, State, and even national press, excerpts of which are herewith presented: The editor of the Athol "Transcript" says:

No death in town could be more generally regretted, for Mr. Wing was a man respected, honored and beloved more than is the common lot of men, and none will be more fervently missed in the community, which he has so generously and nobly served, ever since becoming a citizen.

Judge E. V. Wilson, in an appreciative sketch in the "Transcript," says, in closing:

Since 1904 Mr. and Mrs. Wing had lived at their home in Union Street, which with discriminating taste and judgment they had continued to beautify and adorn until it had become one of the most attractive places in Athol, and where the home life was worthy of all commendation. Mr. Wing will be sadly missed. He exemplified to a marked degree the Yale spirit of faithfully serving the community in which he lived and, with true Yale tenacity, he held himself, in spite of continually failing health, to the line of duty until his physical strength would not permit him to go farther, and then, in a few short days, he had passed on.

Another leading newspaper of Athol expressed the following sentiments:

Announcement of the death of Frank E. Wing at his home last Sunday morning came as a shock to the entire community. With his passing away Athol loses her foremost citizen and beyond a doubt the outstanding intellectual figure of our town. Broad in his viewpoint, with a superbly cultivated mind and blessed with the ability to express himself in just the right way on all occasions, he was sought after by his fellow citizens to lend dignity and character at public gatherings, as well as at semi-public functions. . . . few men had the ability of Mr. Wing to say so much in a few words; words that linked up a perfect sentence. This, together with his sterling character, his clean-cut business ability in the larger affairs of the community and his love for the town of his adoption makes his loss all the more keenly felt. Though a most kindly man, devoted to his home, family and friends, he had no weaknesses.

Eulogistic reviews of the life of Mr. Wing were also published in the "Boston Globe," the "Worcester Telegram," the "Springfield Republican," and others, besides many trade journals, including the "American Builder," the "American Machinist," "Canadian Machinery," the "Hardware Age," "Hardware and Metal," the "Iron Age," "Machinery," the "Manufacturers' Record," "Motor Age," the "National Hardware Bulletin," "N. E. Hardware News," "Power," and the "Pacific Hardware Journal."

The "Church Record" says, in part:

By Mr. Wing's death, Athol loses a citizen universally respected, the business world a keen and honorable life, his church a devoted and faithful member, and the Masonic order one who was a true exponent of its life.

The "Christian Register," in closing its memorial sketch of Frank Edward Wing, says, in part:

One of the most valuable services rendered by Mr. Wing was his successful effort, with others, to unite the two Unitarian churches in Athol into one organization. This work took considerable of his time and when he was suffering from an incurable disease. The gratifying result was the continuation of the old First Church with the Second Society, which thus inherits the honor and prestige of the oldest church society in town, and brings together the two peoples in a pleasant and harmonious way.

In the death of this man the Athol Unitarian Church suffers an irreparable loss, in common with the whole town, and its members feel that this official recognition of his personal worth and his noble Christian character, as displayed in all the duties that he was called upon to discharge, is eminently proper and desirable.

MARTHA WILLSON BROOKS—The life of Martha Willson Brooks is a record of interest to her many friends in Worcester County, Massachusetts, and particularly to the people of Petersham, her birthplace. Miss Brooks has done much for the growth and prosperity of this community, is broadly alert to present-day advance, and her constructive efforts in many

branches of civic and social progress give her name permanent significance and value to the people of her native town and State.

The Brooks family traces back to Thomas Brooks, who was born in England, of a very ancient family, and came to America in early Colonial days, settling in Concord, Massachusetts. Descendants of this worthy pioneer became allied in marriage with various other distinguished families, and thus Miss Brooks traces back to John Bigelow and Mary Warren, whose marriage was the first recorded in the town of Watertown, Massachusetts. Through her paternal line she is also connected with the first settler of Lunenburg, Massachusetts, by name Page, and Miss Brooks is a great-granddaughter of President Dunster, the first president of Harvard University, of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Aaron Brooks, Jr., Miss Brooks' father, a direct descendant of Thomas Brooks, the pioneer, and a grandson of Colonel Jonathan Trout, who was a member of the First American Congress under the Federal Constitution, was born in Petersham, Massachusetts, and became a famous lawyer of his day. A man of brilliant mental capacity, he was endowed with an unquenchable ambition to serve widely and well, this spirit of loyalty to his ideals costing the world one of its noblest men; for he drove himself beyond his strength, and died in the flower of his manhood, leaving, however, a deep and lasting impression upon his time. His prominence brought him clients from Greenfield, Worcester, and many cities and towns, distant then, when the means of transportation were difficult and hazardous. He won the trust and confidence of every one with whom he came in touch, and his influence for the progress of the community was a force which counted in many lines of advance. He served in the Massachusetts Militia with the rank of major. Aaron Brooks, Jr., married (first) Abby Morgan, who had three children: Francis August, who practiced law for many years in Boston; Frederick and Sarah, who died in childhood. He married (second) Martha Amelia Willson, daughter of Rev. Luther and Sally (Bigelow) Willson, and they were the parents of four children: James Willson, who followed in his father's footsteps in his choice of a profession, devoting himself untiringly to the welfare of Petersham; he was internationally prominent for a number of years as Vice-Consul from the United States to France, with John Bigelow, Consul; Abby Morgan, who became the wife of Professor John Fiske, the historian; Martha Willson, of further mention; and John, a graduate of Harvard University, for many years prominent in the world of finance with Chicago institutions; his son, Arthur Hendricks Brooks, is now a successful lawyer of Boston. Harvard University is the *alma mater* of Aaron Brooks' sons and his grandson.

Martha Willson Brooks was born at the family homestead in which she still resides, in Petersham, March 27, 1842. Her father's death occurred when she was three years of age. Her education was a liberal one, her early school attendance being at the Leicester Academy, at Leicester, Massachusetts. Later attending Lasell Seminary, at Auburndale, Massachusetts, she thereafter covered successive courses at Groton Academy, at Groton, Massachusetts, Miss Lyman's School, at Cam-

bridge, Massachusetts, and Professor Agassiz's School, also at Cambridge. In 1863 Miss Brooks went abroad and joined her brother, James W. Brooks, who was then Vice-Consul in Paris, a year later returning home to Cambridge, Massachusetts. In 1890 James W. Brooks remodeled and improved the Petersham homestead, and brother and sister have since then made their residence here. The charm of the old Colonial mansion was carefully preserved, and its grounds were beautified in keeping with old Colonial traditions. The Brooks homestead is now one of the loveliest of the many stately structures of this section, which have sheltered generation after generation of the old New England families. Miss Brooks takes the deepest pride in historic Petersham, and her endeavors for the civic welfare and social progress of the community are ceaseless. She was one of the first members of the Petersham Historical Society, which in the beginning of its activities was known as the Historical Club. She personally copied and indexed the first town records of Petersham to facilitate the labors of the many descendants of New England stock who came to search these records. Making an exact copy of every page, she had the records bound in proper sequence, and this work of her hands forms a permanent benefit to the community. Miss Brooks donated the site upon which the proposed building of the Petersham Historical Building is to be erected, and in every way she strives to encourage the preservation of those records or published volumes, which now represent the culture of a day gone by. One of her highly prized possessions is a volume of Shakespeare, more than one hundred years old, which was presented to her father by pupils he had tutored in his youth. She shared the research labors of her brother, James W. Brooks, who wrote for the celebration in 1904 the monograph, "The One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Petersham." Miss Brooks has always been interested in the march of public events, and in recent years has never failed to exercise the franchise, supporting, as the family has always done, the Republican party. She attends the Unitarian church of Petersham, of which her grandfather, Rev. Luther Willson, was the first Unitarian pastor. He had been tried for heresy in Connecticut, and was invited to the Unitarian church in Petersham. Dr. Channing, about this time, asked him to visit him in Boston, and gave him a watch in consideration of his "sturdy manhood." His son, Rev. Edmund B. Willson, born in Petersham, was for thirty-six years pastor of the North Church in Salem, Massachusetts, beloved by every one with whom he came in contact.

JOSEPH A. SMITH, M. D., one of the foremost practitioners in Worcester County, and a prominent Roentgen expert of Massachusetts, was born at Petersham, Massachusetts, June 8, 1875, a son of Henry A. and Maria (Smith) Smith, the father dying when Dr. Smith was but one and a half years of age, the mother still living at Athol, Massachusetts. Dr. Smith is a brother of Edith Mary (Smith) Wing, widow of the late Frank Edward Wing (q. v.), and F. U. Smith of Boston.

Dr. Joseph A. Smith's early education was obtained in the Athol public schools, following which he entered

Cushing Academy, a college preparatory school, and was graduated in the year 1894, being a member of the first class to be graduated from the new main building, which was destroyed by fire in October, 1923. He then matriculated at Boston University, in the Medical Department, and was graduated in the year 1898 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, whereupon he immediately began to practice medicine in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, and followed his profession successfully for two years. In 1900 he removed to Athol, Massachusetts, and entered upon a general medical practice, to which he devoted all his time and energy. Of late years Dr. Smith has been engaged in special practice; as an X Ray (Roentgen) expert and a specialist in electro therapeutics his work stands second to none in Worcester County. Dr. Smith's medical service during the late World War was a noteworthy achievement. As chief physician and secretary of the local board of Division No. 12, State of Massachusetts, he had full supervision over nine towns and eighteen villages, and personal direction of all assistants. The work was so exacting and strenuous that not only did he sacrifice his own medical practice, but he also suffered a physical breakdown.

Dr. Smith's political affiliations are with the Republican party. He was the first school physician to be appointed in Athol, which position he still holds. He was also the first police surgeon to be appointed in Athol, and is the present incumbent of that office. In 1923 he was elected to the School Board, and is the chairman of that body. For several years Dr. Smith was a member of the Board of Health. Fraternally, Dr. Smith is an active and interested member of Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Athol, and is prominent in the chapter, council, commandery, and Themis Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, of Athol, and of the Shrine of Boston. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, of Athol, Massachusetts. His medical societies include the Massachusetts Society of Homeopathy, the Worcester County Society of Homeopathy, the Hahnemann Medical Society of Boston University, and the Medical Veterans' Association of the World War. He is also a member of the Massachusetts Association of Selective Service Officers, a local director of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and a member of the local branch of the American Red Cross, to which latter institution he has devoted much of his spare time. Dr. Smith is a golf enthusiast when the exigencies of his profession allow him to play. He is a member of the Greenfield Country Club, the Pequaug Club of Athol, and the Boston Athletic Association.

Dr. Joseph A. Smith married, at Athol, Massachusetts, December 12, 1906, Grace (Lord) Goddard. Dr. and Mrs. Smith are affiliated with the First Church Unitarian of Athol, and are active both in church work and in the social life of their community.

ORRA LAVILLE STONE, the son of a veteran of the American Civil War, and a distinguished member of the Massachusetts State bar, was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, May 27, 1873, the son of Louis L. and Josephine A. (Cheney) Stone, both of whom are members of families that have long been domiciled in Massachusetts. His father, who has retired from active par-

ticipation in business affairs, enlisted as a private in the 60th Massachusetts Infantry and served throughout the Civil War with distinction. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and takes the keenest interest in all the activities of that patriotic organization. Mr. Stone's mother traces her descent to the English family of Cheney, of which the Massachusetts Cheneys are a branch. The Colonial ancestry of the Cheney family is well known and so also is the ancestry of the Massachusetts family of Stone.

Mr. Stone received his preliminary education in the public schools of Clinton, Massachusetts. He was graduated from the Clinton High School with the class of 1890, and, after an interim of several years, during which time he acquired a fund of practical experience and a great deal of general knowledge, he proceeded to Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, where, in 1898 he matriculated and was enrolled as a student of the School of Law. Bringing to the study of the law a judicial temperament, a power of forensic phrase, and a broad fundamental knowledge of life and affairs, in addition to a profound respect for the whole body of ethical thought represented by the enunciated doctrine of the law, Mr. Stone greatly distinguished himself as a student, and at the end of his course was graduated as a member of the class of 1901, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, *cum laude*.

As previously stated, the business career of Mr. Stone began some years before he became a member of the legal profession. He entered the field of journalism immediately after his graduation from the Clinton High School, joining the staff of the Worcester "Daily Spy" as a reporter in 1890 and continuing in this capacity for three years. His daily assignments covered every field of newspaper reporting and brought him into contact with all classes of the community. Of a literary turn of mind, and able even at an early age to express himself in clear, concise, and direct English, Mr. Stone made his mark as a reporter, and his ability was very generally recognized by the veterans of the press who watched his course with sympathetic interest and appreciation. In 1893, at the age of twenty years, he became local editor of the Clinton "Daily Item," and for the next five years he filled this position in such a manner as to contribute greatly to the power and influence of the paper, following in all respects the best traditions of Massachusetts journalism.

In 1898, well-tempered by wide reading, journalistic training, and practical experience, Mr. Stone embarked upon his legal career. After his graduation from the Boston University School of Law he returned to Clinton, and, in September, 1901, was admitted to the Massachusetts State bar. He thereupon became a member of the law firm of Buttrick & Stone, and the partnership so established has continued without change ever since. In 1904 Governor Bates appointed Mr. Stone to the office of clerk of the court of the Second District Court of Eastern Worcester, and in 1909 Governor Draper re-appointed him to the same office. Upon first assuming the clerkship of this court, in April, 1904, Mr. Stone was appointed probation officer by the Honorable Justice of the Court, and served in this capacity for nine years. In 1913, having resigned as clerk of the court and as



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probation officer, he became private secretary to the Hon. Calvin D. Paige, member of the United States House of Representatives from the Third Massachusetts District. He was associated with Mr. Paige from November, 1913, to March, 1917, and his official duties at Washington during the trying years that preceded America's entry into the World War gave him a vivid insight into world politics as well as a first-hand acquaintance with a page of American social and political history in the making. He resigned his Congressional secretaryship in March, 1917, to become membership secretary of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts. In December, 1918, he became general manager of this organization, a position he still occupies.

Upon leaving Washington in 1917 in order to enter the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Mr. Stone enlisted in the Massachusetts State Guard and served with the colors of this military organization during the period 1917-1918. A Republican in politics, and widely known for his unswerving fidelity to Republican candidates and principles, Mr. Stone was continuously occupied with political affairs from 1901 until the end of 1921, attending various political conferences and taking a leading part in discussions affecting the welfare of the Republican party in Massachusetts. In 1912 he served as a member of the Republican State Committee of Massachusetts, Second Worcester Senatorial District. In 1913 he became chairman of the Third Massachusetts Congressional District Committee, serving in this capacity until 1917. He was also from 1901 to 1912, secretary of the Fourth Massachusetts Congressional District Committee, and rendered valuable assistance to his party in this capacity. In 1918 he was elected chairman of the School Committee of Clinton, and held office in this capacity until 1921. In all of these various positions Mr. Stone has rendered distinguished service to his party, his talent for organization nowhere displaying itself to better advantage than in the work of welding diverse political elements within the ranks into a single compact and powerful whole. As time goes on, Mr. Stone may be expected to take a larger share in the political life of the Commonwealth. Few men have politics at their fingers' ends more completely than he, and if the exigencies of his business life should prevent him from holding public office to any great extent, his analytic mind, organizing methods, and vigorous pen would still continue to make his influence felt in the political affairs of his State and party.

Mr. Stone is a member of various fraternal and social organizations. He has at various times held the office of commander of the Lieutenant A. L. Fuller Camp, No. 19, of the Sons of Veterans, at Clinton. From 1902 to 1903, inclusive, he served as division commander of the Massachusetts Division of the Sons of Veterans, and during this period the organization made a net increase in its membership of more than 1,200 sons of veterans. A Mason of long standing, Mr. Stone belongs to Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Clinton; and to Clinton Royal Arch Chapter. He also holds membership in Clinton Lodge, No. 199, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Clinton Lodge, Knights of Pythias; and Clinton Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During his college days Mr. Stone was elected

to the Greek letter fraternities, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Delta Phi. He is an eminent archon of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in which he belongs to the Beta Upsilon Chapter. He is at present holding office as treasurer and president of the Lamsdec Club, an office he has held for several years; and also belongs to the Prescott Club of Clinton.

In religious faith Mr. Stone is a member of the First Unitarian Church at Clinton. He takes an active part in the work of this congregation and holds office as clerk of the church corporation, and has been for many years superintendent of the Sunday school. He was president of the Worcester County Conference of Unitarian Churches during the period 1912-1913. Mr. Stone is unmarried.

GEORGE WILSON OLNEY—A broadly representative figure in the business life of Worcester County, Massachusetts, was that of George Wilson Olney, whose life was devoted to the advance of the textile industry, and whose success contributed in no small degree to the prosperity of this section and the welfare of the people. A man of large ability, gifted with the genius for accomplishing deeds of definite significance, he had no desire to magnify himself in the public eye, and while a man of few words, he was of constant activity along lines that meant much to the general advance. Nearly three decades have gone since his passing, but he is still remembered by the older residents of southern Worcester County as an able executive and a man upon whom the community depended in times of crises or perplexity, a man whose judgment, never prematurely formed, counted for progress in any field of endeavor.

The Olney family is one of the very old English lines in Massachusetts, Thomas Olney having come to this State from St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, in 1635, settling at Salem. He was excommunicated from the Salem church for espousing the cause of Roger Williams, and in June, 1637, old records state that he was with Roger Williams in Providence, Rhode Island. The following year Thomas Olney was one of thirteen corporate members of the town, and became one of the founders of the first Baptist church organized on American soil. Descendants of Thomas Olney were closely identified with the early progress of the community known as "Providence Plantations," also doing much for the early development of the adjacent section of the Colony of Massachusetts.

(I.) Richard Olney, in direct line from Thomas Olney, the pioneer, was born at Smithfield, Rhode Island, in 1770. When still a young man he became a prosperous merchant with interests centering in Providence. He owned the packet "Huntress," plying between Providence, New York, and Savannah, Georgia, which carried both passengers and freight, the latter principally cotton. She was eventually lost at sea. Richard Olney was a pioneer in the manufacture of cotton in this part of the country, and about the year 1810 he had become a noted cotton manufacturer of Providence, still retaining his mercantile interests, which included an extensive West Indian trade. Samuel Slater, a contemporaneous cotton manufacturer of Pawtucket, was one of the prin-

cial rivals of the Olney interests in this field, and both Mr. Olney and Mr. Slater contemplated expansion at the same time. In November, 1811, Mr. Olney purchased from Ezekiel Preston a deed of three-quarters of a tract of land on Mumford River, at East Douglas, Massachusetts, for the purpose of erecting a mill plant for spinning, in a locality where weaving could be placed out in the families of the farming people. Included in this deed were rights for mills, machine shops, and kindred structures. Mr. Olney had two associates in this enterprise, and it was nearly simultaneous with Mr. Slater's activities along similar lines at Webster, Massachusetts. Mr. Olney organized a company, and they went forward successfully under the firm name of Richard Olney & Company. This later became known as the Douglas Cotton Manufacturing Company, and in 1817 Mr. Olney removed to Douglas, extending his operations to this community, then in the spring of the following year, opened further interests in Oxford, Massachusetts. All these additional activities were by way of expansion, rather than removal, and the interests of the company centered at Douglas until 1822, when Mr. Olney disposed of his share, evidently about two-thirds, selling five thirty-sevenths of the property to one Ziba Angell, and twenty thirty-sevenths to Jonathan Adams and Adams Foster, prominent men of Providence. The subsequent activities of Richard Olney were principally in connection with the Oxford Woolen Company, although he made some changes of residence, and in 1836 he became the principal owner, continuing thus until his death.

Meanwhile, in April, 1819, Richard Olney purchased the Campbell Tavern at Oxford Centre, where he was innkeeper and "trader" for four years; then, in the spring of 1823, he removed to the house then standing on the present site of the Oxford Episcopal Church. In 1826 he purchased a farm west of the river, now known as the Woodbury place, and there resided until 1833, when he bought a fine estate in the locality known as the Plain. There he resided until he sold that place in 1837, then, for two or three years, resided where now stands the Methodist church, thereafter removing the Burrillville, his place of residence at the time of his decease. For several years before his death Mr. Olney was in precarious health, and in the fall of 1841 he went to Saratoga in the hope of gaining strength. Receiving scant benefit from the change, he set out on his return journey, but stopped at Oxford, near Town's Pond, to tarry for a time with an old friend, Alexander C. Thurston, where he failed rapidly, and passed away October 22, 1841, at the age of seventy-one years. It was said of Richard Olney by a biographer that he "had native force of character, sagacity, and business ability."

In the public life of his time, and in community, State, and National interests, he bore a noteworthy part. An original proprietor of the Oxford Bank, his name was second on its first board of directors, and he was president of the institution from 1833 until 1836. In 1820 he served as a member of the Constitutional Convention; then, for five years (1824 and at various times until 1836), was town agent; meanwhile, from 1821 to 1828, inclusive, he was Selectman of the town, and from 1826 until 1829, inclusive, represented his town in the

State Legislature. Always interested in religious advance, he was in early life an officer of the Restorationist Church, of which Rev. Seth Chandler was the head, but later affiliated himself with the Methodist society.

Richard Olney married, April 3, 1795, at Cumberland, Rhode Island, Abigail Wilson, who died August 16, 1855, aged seventy-nine years. They were the parents of the following children: 1. Lucina, born March 31, 1796, at North Providence, Rhode Island, later the wife of Cromwell Moulton and the mother of nine sons. 2. Cynthia, born April 12, 1797, at North Providence, married at Douglass, John White, their children being four sons and five daughters. 3. Hannah, born April 27, 1799, at Providence, married, in July, 1819, Simon Wheeler, of Seekonk, and was the mother of six sons and three daughters. 4. Wilson, of further mention. 5. Lucinda, born October 22, 1803, later the wife of Charles J. Stratford. 6. Simon L., born August 3, 1805, who left home as a young man and was never heard from afterward. 7. Amy, born June 29, 1807, at Providence, was the wife of Samuel C. Butler, son of Peter Butler. 8. Elisha, born August 7, 1809, at Providence, died in Iowa, having resided in the West many years, married, and had one daughter. 9. Hannah, who became the wife of Thomas Hardy, their son, Harry, born about 1876. 10. Moses, born in 1814, drowned at Oxford, Massachusetts, in 1820. 11. Abigail, born November 20, 1817, at Douglass, married, December 3, 1836, William Knight, of Leicester, their children being six sons and three daughters. 12. William B., born July 31, 1819, at Oxford, married Lavina Morey, resided many years at Burrillville, later at Upton until his death in 1891, his three children, born at Burrillville: William M., September 13, 1842; Amy, March 21, 1844; and Oscar, April 13, 1845.

(II.) Wilson Olney, fourth child and eldest son of Richard and Abigail (Wilson) Olney, was born at Providence, Rhode Island, January 10, 1802. Endowed with a brilliant mentality and scholarly tastes, he taught school at the age of seventeen years, and was also active in his father's store from 1819 until 1823, inclusive, in the village of Oxford, Massachusetts. He was later engaged in mercantile interests at Providence, Rhode Island, at Hyde Park, New York, and Little Falls, New Jersey, until 1829, when he returned to Oxford. At that time he became identified with the Oxford Woolen Mill Company, as an accountant, which position he filled for about two years. He then established a mercantile interest on the Plain, which he conducted until 1836, when he removed to Kentucky. There he continued in the same field of activity until 1842, when he returned permanently to Worcester County, Massachusetts. As an executor of his father's estate, he had the management of the Oxford Woolen Company's affairs until 1846, after which he became associated with George Hodges in the manufacture of flannel for several years, then removed to the Plain in 1853. Always commanding the respect and confidence of his associates and the people generally, these latter years of his life were marked with many honors, and in 1855 he was elected cashier of the Oxford Bank. This office he ably filled until advancing years occasioned his retirement, and his death occurred shortly thereafter.

Wilson Olney married, March 26, 1832, Eliza L. Butler, daughter of Peter Butler, (See Sigourney-Butler VI), who died February 24, 1874, she surviving him for only a few months, and passing away May 2, 1874. They were the parents of four sons: 1. Richard, born September 15, 1835, was a graduate of Brown University (1856), and Harvard University School of Law (1859). Practiced law in association with Judge Benjamin F. Thomas, of Boston, he won high rank in his profession, and became a leader in public affairs, serving as Representative in the State Legislature, also being brought forward as his party's candidate for State Senator. Under President Cleveland he served in the Cabinet as Attorney-General, and later as Secretary of State, and during President Wilson's administration he was offered the post of Ambassador to England. He married, March 6, 1861, Agnes P. Thomas, daughter of Judge Thomas, and their children were: Agnes, born in December, 1861; and Mary T., born in August, 1865. 2. George W., of whom further. 3. Peter B., was born at Oxford, Massachusetts, July 21, 1843. He was a graduate of Harvard University in both the liberal arts and the law courses, the latter in the class of 1866. He also studied law with William M. Evarts, of New York City, where he began practice in 1868. He was a leader in public advance, participating in the overthrow of the "Tweed Ring" in 1871-72; in 1879 was appointed one of three commissioners to compile and thereafter revise State legislation bearing upon local metropolitan matters. In 1883 he was appointed District Attorney for the city and county of New York by Governor Cleveland, serving until his term expired, January 1, 1885. He married, November 12, 1879, Mary Sigourney Butler, daughter of Peter Butler, of Boston, (see Sigourney-Butler VII), and they were the parents of four children: Peter B., born April 9, 1881; Richard, born February 24, 1883; Wilson, born August 13, 1885; and Sigourney Butler, born February 22, 1888. All except Richard were born in New York City, but he was born at their country home at Cedarhurst, Long Island. 4. Frederick A. was born at Oxford, Massachusetts, January 11, 1846. He became a leading hardware merchant of Kingston, New York, a man of high character, greatly esteemed in all circles in which he moved. He married, May 21, 1879, Effie L. Chapin, and they were the parents of two children: Ruth L., born in April, 1880, at Worcester, Massachusetts; and Persis C., born at Kingston, New York. 5. Gertrude G., born at Oxford, Massachusetts, in May, 1850. She became the wife, on September 6, 1872, of Eben Sutton Stevens, son of Henry H. Stevens, formerly a prominent citizen of Dudley, and grandson of Captain Nathaniel Stevens, of North Andover. Eben S. Stevens became a successful woolen manufacturer of Quinebaug, Connecticut, proprietor of the mill and estates connected with it, and a broadly influential citizen, and was elected to the Massachusetts Senate in 1891. One daughter was born to these parents, Gertrude O., born November 15, 1873.

(III.) George Wilson Olney, second son of Wilson and Eliza L. (Butler) Olney, was born at Louisville, Kentucky, August 27, 1840, and died at Cherry Valley, Massachusetts, February 28, 1894. As a young lad he attended the public schools of Oxford, Massachusetts,

to which community the family had returned in his childhood. He later entered Nichols Academy, at Dudley, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in due course. Interested in the industrial activities of this section, and professional life holding no appeal for him, he definitely chose the career of the manufacturer. He learned the manufacture of flannel with George Hodges, then agent at the Milton Mills of New Hampshire, where he was active from April, 1868, until the year 1874. Possessing ample means to finance his own ventures in the realm of his choice, he bought the mills at Cherry Valley, in the town of Leicester, Massachusetts, August 1, 1874. This plant contained seven sets, and under his judicious management the business steadily thrived and grew. He also acquired a controlling interest in a mill of eight sets at Lisbon, Maine, and kept the general oversight of that plant, although he resided in Worcester County, Massachusetts. Mr. Olney was a man of large ability, a far-sighted business man, fearless in advance, yet cautious, well considering every move. He was eminently fair in his dealings with all, associate, customer, employee, and was a genial, whole-hearted friend, a loyal and progressive citizen. In the public life of the community he accepted responsibility only as it was urged upon him as a duty. A Democrat by political affiliation, he was elected Selectman of the town of Leicester, serving for several years, and was also for some time a member of the School Committee. In every phase of community advance he bore a constructive part, and was a member of the Episcopal church, which he served as senior warden.

George Wilson Olney married, at Oxford, Massachusetts, November 18, 1862, Waity Maria Harwood, daughter of Elihu and Hannah (Beals) Harwood. They were the parents of five children: Thomas W., born June 9, 1864, died October 19, 1904; Robert S., born August 26, 1868, died May 1, 1900; Richard, born January 5, 1871; George H., born August 8, 1872; and Catharine, born December 16, 1881.

In such a life as that of George Wilson Olney, the world of to-day may well find a fruitful subject for reflection, and an example worthy of emulation. Modest and unassuming, giving to life the high efforts of a man among men, when with his means he might have spent his days in a round of pleasures. Mr. Olney was such a man as the world needs. Nearly thirty years have passed since he was called on to a higher life, yet the work he did and the forces he set in motion have lived through these years in beneficent activity, carried forward by those who have felt the inspiration of his memory and who delight to do him honor. His was a useful life, not merely for the hour—the day—the time in which he lived, but for the industrial and civic progress of to-day, and in good measure useful to all who shall come after.

(The Sigourney-Butler Line).

(I.) Andrew Sigourney fled from France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and was a leader in the settlement of Oxford, Massachusetts, in 1687. He died in Boston, April 16, 1727. He married Charlotte Pairan, and they were the parents of five children, three of whom were: Andrew, of further mention; Susan, Barthelmy.

(II.) Andrew Sigourney, son of Andrew and Charlotte (Pairan) Sigourney, was born in France in 1673, and died in 1748. He resided in Boston, where he was engaged in business as a distiller. He married Mary Germaine, who was born in France in 1680, and they were the parents of children, among whom was Anthony, of further mention.

(III.) Anthony Sigourney, son of Andrew and Mary (Germaine) Sigourney, was born August 17, 1713. He married (first), April 10, 1740, Mary Watus, of Salem; (second) Elizabeth Breed. To the first marriage was born Mary, of further mention. Children of the second marriage were: Anthony, born in 1751; and Andrew, born in 1752. These three children of Anthony Sigourney, of Boston, were the first of the Sigourney family to return to Oxford, Massachusetts, Anthony, Jr., buying property there in 1774, and Mr. Butler and his wife, and Andrew coming toward the close of the Revolutionary War.

(IV.) Mary Sigourney, daughter of Anthony and Mary (Watus) Sigourney, was born March 23, 1742. She married James Butler, (son of James, (5), James (4), James (3), James (2), Stephen (1), who came from England about 1640). Their children were: Mary B., James D., Anthony, Elizabeth, Hannah, John, Peter, of further mention; Sarah, and Celia.

(V.) Peter Butler, son of James and Mary (Sigourney) Butler, was born in 1774. He married (first) Mehitable Corbin, daughter of Samuel and Lucy (Larned) Corbin, of Dudley, Massachusetts; (second), in 1841, Widow Abigail Davis. His children were: James, Samuel C., Lucy, Mary S., Eliza L., of further mention; Sarah M., Hannah H., Peter, of further mention; and Charlotte.

(VI.) Eliza L. Butler, daughter of Peter and Mehitable (Corbin) Butler, was born August 28, 1810. She married Wilson Olney. (See Olney II).

(VI.) Peter Butler, son of Peter and Mehitable (Corbin) Butler, was born in 1820, and became a partner in the hardware business of his father-in-law, in Boston, later he was head of the firm of Butler Keith & Company. He was very prominent in Boston, helped to supplant English goods with American products, and aided in building up Boston's foreign and domestic trade. He lived for thirty years in the Quincy Mansion, at Quincy, Massachusetts. After losing heavily in the great fire he retired from business. He had a choice library and a rare collection of curios. He married, September, 1843, Lucia Proctor, daughter of Deacon John C. Proctor, and settled in Boston, but later removed to Quincy. His children were: Lucia C., Mary Sigourney, of further mention; Isabel, and Sigourney, who graduated from Harvard Law School in 1879, and was the second Comptroller of the Treasury under President Cleveland.

(VII.) Mary Sigourney, daughter of Peter (2) and Lucia (Proctor) Butler, was born April 15, 1850. She married Peter B. Olney. (See Olney II).

GEORGE HOWARD HADLEY—In the industrial life of Worcester County, Massachusetts, the name of George Howard Hadley is one of prominence, his activities as a leading manufacturing executive of Tem-

pleton, Massachusetts, doing much for the prosperity and economic welfare of the community. His experience in many fields of endeavor has given him a broad outlook for the work in which he is now engaged, and as a leading executive for two important manufacturing concerns, Mr. Hadley is taking a very significant part in present day advance in this part of Worcester County. He is secretary, treasurer, and director of the F. W. Lombard Company of South Ashburnham, and a director, vice-president, and secretary of the firm of Hendrickson & Company, Incorporated, of East Templeton, Massachusetts.

Mr. Hadley's father is Lucien Norman Hadley, who is now retired at the age of seventy-eight years, after a long and useful life, and who is a Mason, holding the thirty-second degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and one of the honored and venerable figures of Templeton, who for sixty years has sung in the Unitarian church choir, and served for twenty-five years as treasurer of the Unitarian parish. The mother, Jeanette (Bourn) Hadley, died January 15, 1915, at the age of sixty-four years, eleven months. She was the oldest daughter of Isaac Bourn, who was the founder of the Bourn Hadley Company. She was a woman of strong character, very charitable, and an active worker in the Unitarian church, and was for many years treasurer of the Alliance of that church.

George Howard Hadley was born at Brooks Village, in the town of Templeton, Massachusetts, August 28, 1879. His education was begun at the Brooks Village district school, and he later attended the Templeton Center Grammar School, after which he was a student at the Templeton High School and was graduated in the class of 1896. Thereafter entering Becker's Business College of Worcester, Massachusetts, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1897 as bookkeeper and accountant, and from the same institution the following year in stenography and typewriting, being president of this class, 1908. Mr. Hadley's first business experience was in the employ of the Graton and Knight Manufacturing Company of Worcester, in the office of which concern he was active for about two years and two months. In May, 1900, he entered the employ of the Eastern Bridge and Structural Company of Worcester in their offices on Front Street, but later identified himself with the factory as assistant superintendent. In February, 1903, Mr. Hadley formed a partnership with Irwin A. Drury formerly of Athol, Massachusetts, and purchased a market and grocery store at No. 253 Lincoln Street, Worcester. This enterprise went forward under the title of Drury & Hadley for about two years, after which Mr. Hadley sold his interest to his partner and became a stockholder in the Menthol Products Company. He was made secretary of this concern and was thus engaged for about two years, when he severed his connections with the interest and came to Templeton. Here he purchased an interest in the Bourn Hadley Company, of which he became secretary and a director. In October, 1919, he interested himself in the manufacture of chairs with his brother, Herbert B. Hadley, and purchased the F. W. Lombard Company of South Ashburnham, Massachusetts, Mr. Hadley becoming secretary, treasurer, and

director, which offices he still ably fills. He has given considerable personal attention to the development and growth of this enterprise, but recently added to this interest further activities in the same general field. On May 5, 1923, in association with Emile Hendrickson, Walter Hendrickson and William E. Bourn, Mr. Hadley organized Hendrickson & Company, Incorporated, East Templeton, of which he was chosen a director, also vice-president and secretary. This organization manufactures reed chairs and tables, and the promise of the future is very bright. Mr. Hadley's chief interest, however, remaining with the Bourn, Hadley Company, and especially in that department which is engaged in the manufacture of post office equipment, bank and store fixtures; their market in this line covers chiefly all of New England and nearby States, but extends, in the portable post office equipment, into every State in the Union.

These varied and broadly useful activities have placed Mr. Hadley among the really noteworthy citizens of Templeton, and he has been active in many branches of civic and welfare advance. He has always stood for temperance, which is a strong trait in both branches of the family. He is a trustee of the Templeton Savings Bank, and the Jehu Richardson Fund and the Masonic Fund, the income of both the latter being distributed for charitable purposes, the trustees being chosen by the town each year. Mr. Hadley has served in this connection for a number of years. In the spring of 1923 he was elected Tax Collector of the town of Templeton. In 1918 Mr. Hadley took the civil service examinations for postmaster of Templeton and was appointed to that office, but the duties connected with it becoming too arduous with his other activities, he resigned in 1919. He is trustee and secretary of the Templeton Village Improvement Society, which owns the Templeton Inn. He is affiliated with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Gardner, and is a member of the First Parish Unitarian Church of Templeton, and has been president of the Young People's Union, which is connected with this church, since the year 1909. In January, 1924, he was elected director of the new Gardner-Templeton Street Railway Company, a corporation formed, which purchased the street railway of the Northern Massachusetts Street Railway Company to operate from Riley's Switch and Baldwinville, through East Templeton to West Gardner, and South Gardner, thence to Greenwood Associates.

Mr. Hadley is one of seven children, his brothers and sisters being: 1. Lizzie Etta, a teacher in Norwood, Massachusetts. 2. Arthur Lucien, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who married Nellie Richey, and they have three children, Gladys, Norman and Elizabeth. 3. Mary Ann, also a teacher in Norwood. 4. Lucy Jeanette, at home with her father. 5. Herbert Bourn, married Edith Beaman and they have five children, Willard, Violet, Robert, Adelma, and Herbert B., Jr. 6. Walter Norman, a Harvard University and Law School graduate, married Ann Harris Crawford. In July, 1923, this brother became interested in the F. W. Lombard Company with his other brothers.

George Howard Hadley married, December 19, 1905, at Worcester, Massachusetts, Lydia Pauline Carr, born November 22, 1876, at Ellington, Iowa. Mrs. Hadley

is a daughter of Lewis Philip Carr, born in Meriden, New Hampshire, in 1847, and died October 7, 1912. He was master mechanic for the United States Hame Company, Andover, New Hampshire. He was a man of singularly lovable disposition, very fond of children, and deeply interested in educational advance, being a trustee of Proctor Academy, and a trustee of the Unitarian church at Andover, New Hampshire. Her mother, Martha Elizabeth (Howes) Carr, was born in New York State, in 1847, and died February 24, 1916. Mrs. Hadley has two brothers, David Eugene and Lewis Philip, and one sister, Frances Permelia. Mr. and Mrs. Hadley have one son, Howard Carr, born October 1, 1912, now (1924) in the sixth grade of the Templeton schools.

LESTER GILES TAFT—Among the younger men in the newspaper world of Worcester County, Massachusetts, Lester Giles Taft holds a prominent position as the publisher of the "Blackstone Valley News" and manager of the Uxbridge Printing Company, where the newspaper is published. Mr. Taft has had wide experience in some of the leading newspaper plants of New England, and with his natural ability and deep interest in his work he is doing much for the local advance through the columns of his paper.

Mr. Taft comes of a noted family of Worcester County, for many years residents of Uxbridge, and his father, William J. Taft, is one of the foremost men of this section. An attorney and counsellor-at-law by profession and largely successful in his chosen field, William J. Taft has been identified with the public life of the town of Uxbridge for many years, and was long active as a member of the law firm of Dodge & Taft, located in the State Mutual Building in Worcester, Massachusetts. This partnership continued for a period of thirty years, having been formed in 1890, and in 1920 Mr. Taft removed his office to Uxbridge, where he has so long resided, and is now Town Solicitor of Uxbridge. It is frequently said of William J. Taft that he might have won greater honors in public life, for he was elected to the Massachusetts General Assembly in 1901 and 1902, but while his services as a legislator were above criticism and constructive in a large degree, he refused the re-nomination which was urged upon him and practically retired from public life, devoting his attention subsequently to his private practice. He is a prominent member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The mother, Ella W. (Giles) Taft, is also still living and is a leader in social circles in Uxbridge.

Lester Giles Taft was born in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, May 16, 1892. His education was acquired in the local public schools, and following the completion of the grammar school course, and two years in high school, feeling no interest in a professional life, he apprenticed himself to the printing trade in the employ of the old Transcript Company of Uxbridge. After mastering the trade, Mr. Taft identified himself with newspaper work, securing a position on the New London "Telegraph." To gain breadth of experience, Mr. Taft left his first position and subsequently was active

on the Worcester "Gazette," the Worcester "Telegram," and the Boston "American." He was also the editor and manager of the "Maine Woods," published by the J. W. Brackett Company of Phillips, Maine, for several months. To gain further experience in the mechanical departments of the trade, Mr. Taft then entered the employ of the Blanchard Press of Worcester, but when this plant was consolidated with the Commonwealth Press in 1913, he went to the D. H. Bacon Company of Derby, Connecticut, as foreman of their printing plant. Later he was active for a time as editor and manager of the Thompsonville (Connecticut) "Press." In 1916 Mr. Taft settled permanently in his native town of Uxbridge, and with his brother, Carlton W. Taft, who died of "flu" in December, 1918, organized the Uxbridge Printing Company. In 1919 he purchased the Transcript Company plant and consolidated it with the Uxbridge Printing Company. He has since carried this interest forward with marked success, and the growth of the business, together with the constant extension of the circulation of the paper, well appraise the ability and energy which he is putting into his work in this connection.

Mr. Taft's career has been interrupted only by his service during the World War. He was called out with the 6th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Rhode Island National Guard, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, on July 25, 1917, and was later transferred to the 20th Company, coast defences of Narragansett Bay, and was sent overseas to France with replacement troops as first sergeant of Coast Artillery Corps. During the early part of his stay in France Mr. Taft was attached to the Heavy Artillery Training Battalion at Angiers, in the work of transporting replacements, but after the armistice was transferred to the Anti-Aircraft Replacement Battalion, being stationed at Fort De Staine, France. Upon his return to the United States he received his honorable discharge at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, on January 28, 1919, with the rank of first sergeant. Mr. Taft went into the World War as a trained soldier, having been a member of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island National Guard for a period of eight years.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Taft returned to his publishing activities in Uxbridge, and under his management the "Blackstone Valley News" has taken great strides. This paper is the sole successor of the former papers of the town, the Uxbridge "Compendium," the Uxbridge and Whitinsville "Transcript." The "Blackstone Valley News" is now the only newspaper published between Millbury and Woonsocket. The sheet is distributed in the towns of Uxbridge, Northbridge, Douglas, Mendon, Grafton, Sutton, Upton, Hopedale, Millville, and Blackstone. Independent in its political utterances, the editorial policy of the paper is doing much for all advance and commands the respect and admiration of all the people, irrespective of political convictions. After the death of his brother, Carlton Taft, who died while Lester G. Taft was in France, a younger brother, William J. Taft, Jr., conducted the business until the return of his brother, who took him into the business February 1, 1919.

Fraternally, Mr. Taft is a member of Manawa Tribe, No. 58, Improved Order of Red Men, of Uxbridge,

Massachusetts, of which he was first Chief of Records and is a Past Sachem; Nipmuc Council, No. 92, Degree of Pocahontas; Friendship Lodge, and Agawam Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Thompsonville, Connecticut; Lieutenant Harold F. Flynn Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island; Waucantuck Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Mr. Taft married, at New London, Connecticut, September 9, 1913, Anna C. Cooney, of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, daughter of John J. and Rachael Cooney. Mr. and Mrs. Taft are the parents of three children: Theodore Roy, born October 1, 1914; Lester G., Jr., born September 2, 1916; Virginia Madeline, born August 1, 1918. Mrs. Taft is a member of Nipmuc Council, No. 92, Degree of Pocahontas, and is the present Pocahontas; she is also a member of Waucantuck Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

EDWIN FRANCIS LILLEY—Few citizens of Milford, Massachusetts, are more actively useful and more usefully active than Edwin Francis Lilley, whose mercantile endeavors have contributed to the commercial advance of the community, while his public service and fraternal activities place him among the really significant men of this part of Worcester County. An eminently practical man of marked executive ability, he has given to his work for the people the same energy and constructive effort that have placed him in the front rank of commercial progress. Mr. Lilley is a son of Thomas and Maria E. (Hanson) Lilley, esteemed residents of Milford for many years.

Edwin Francis Lilley was born in Milford, Massachusetts August 29, 1870. He received his education in the elementary and grammar schools of this community, but though his privileges in this line were limited, his ability as a student of men and conditions has supplemented his formal knowledge, and he was won large success. He became identified with the jewelry business at the age of thirteen years, entering the employ of C. W. Wilcox, a prominent Milford jeweler of that day. Finding this business congenial and feeling that his natural taste for commercial affairs appraised latent ability, the young man started in business for himself in the same field in 1893. The intervening period of thirty years has measured great advance in Mr. Lilley's business, and he is now one of the foremost men in his field in Worcester County. Far from confining his endeavors and activities to his own individual progress, Mr. Lilley has always taken the deepest interest in the public welfare. It was not, however, until the year 1909 that he accepted public responsibility, although from his majority he had been a worker in the ranks of the Republican party. He served on the Board of Selectmen of the town of Milford for two years (1909-1910), was chairman in 1910, and for years was chairman of the Town Committee. His record in the duties which he fulfilled in the local affairs of a public nature was such that he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, taking up the duties involved by this honor in the year 1912, his reelection retaining him at the Capitol for a second term. His work as a legislator was constructive and permanently useful, and included his service on

Wilder's grandfather, was a prominent farmer of Sterling in the early days, and Frank L. Wilder, his son, and Mr. Wilder's father, was a leading citizen of Sterling throughout his lifetime, being one of the founders of the present firm of Wilder, Walker & Davis Company. Frank L. Wilder married Mary L. Bruce, a daughter of Mark Bruce, and a member of a family founded in Sterling at the time of the earliest settlement here. Frank L. and Mary L. (Bruce) Wilder were the parents of four children: Anna M., born April 29 1860; Katy, born September 5, 1862; Arthur S., of further mention; and Emma A., born November 28, 1865.

Arthur S. Wilder was born in Sterling, Massachusetts, March 6, 1864. His education was begun in the public schools of his birthplace. Later attending Leominster High School, he returned to Sterling upon the completion of his studies and engaged in farming on the old Wilder homestead. This estate has been in the possession of the Wilder family since the year 1783, and is one of the fine old dignified farm homes of Worcester County. Mr. Wilder has been successful in his agricultural operations, and in connection with these activities he has for some years also been associated with the firm of Wilder, Walker & Davis Company, lumber dealers of Sterling. This concern buys standing timber and disposes of fire wood and lumber entirely at wholesale. This concern, in the establishing of which Frank L. Wilder bore a part, was from the beginning officered also by W. S. Walker and Jonathan A. Davis, these three progressive men having been associated throughout their lifetime. Arthur S. Wilder has been identified with the public service for twenty-seven years, having been elected to the local school committee in 1896, having served for nine years with that body. He also was active on the Board of Assessors, having served a similar period on that board. In 1922 he was elected to the Board of Selectmen, in which connection he is still engaged. Fraternally Mr. Wilder is affiliated with Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Clinton; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Wilder married, on August 9, 1898, Ella C. Abbot, daughter of Harris and Caroline Ann (Greeley) Abbot, both of Wilton, New Hampshire. Mrs. Wilder is a granddaughter of Ezra and Rebecca (Hale) Abbot, her grandmother a native of Coventry, Connecticut, and a niece of Nathan Hale, the Revolutionary patriot. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder are the parents of five children: Florence C., born August 3, 1899, a graduate of Smith College, class of 1922; Katherine A., born August 12, 1901, a graduate of Smith College, class of 1923; Frank Harris, born April 26, 1903, a junior at the Massachusetts State Agricultural College; Edwin Arthur, born March 13, 1906, a graduate of Leominster High School, now attending Cushing Academy; and Anna Hale, born January 14, 1909, now a junior at Sterling High School.

OLIVER MARTIN WING, a leading figure in the world of finance in Bristol County, Massachusetts, is a native and practically lifelong resident of Grafton, Massachusetts, and has for several years been treasurer of the Grafton Savings Bank, also of the Grafton Co-operative Bank. Mr. Wing is a noteworthy figure in

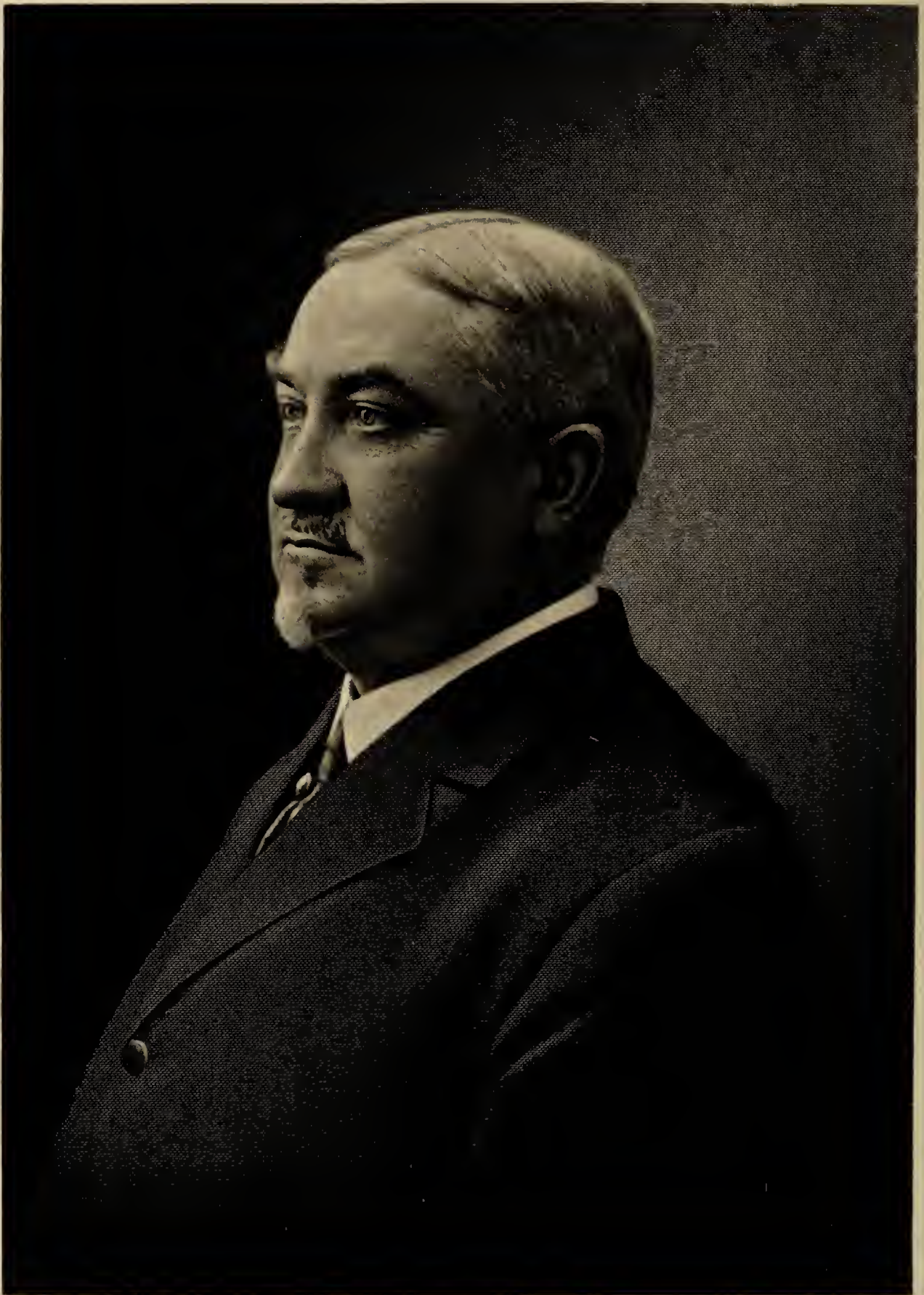
various branches of organized effort, chiefly along fraternal lines, and is bearing a constructive part in the economic security and progress of the day. He is a son of Hon. Henry F. and Mary E. (Tobey) Wing, his father formerly treasurer of the Grafton Savings Bank, and Representative to the State Legislature.

Oliver Martin Wing was born at Grafton, Massachusetts, September 3, 1859. Attending the elementary and grammar schools of his birthplace, he was graduated from the local high school in the class of 1877. Various employment for a time he became identified with the J. S. Nelson & Son Shoe Company, of Grafton, in the year 1881, and for a full quarter of a century was active with this concern. From that time until 1920, a period of thirteen years, Mr. Wing was active with the F. E. Powers Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts, in capacity of secretary of the organization. Since 1920 Mr. Wing has been active in his present office as treasurer of two of the leading financial institutions of Grafton, as mentioned above. His work in this connection places him in the front rank of financial advance in this community, and his long experience in the business world contributes in no slight degree to the security and prosperity of these institutions. Fraternally Mr. Wing is a member of Franklin Blue Lodge of Grafton, and of both the York and Scottish Rites of the Masonic order, including Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Millbury, Massachusetts; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Worcester, and Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a member of the West Congregational Church, of Grafton.

Oliver Martin Wing married, at Grafton, Massachusetts, September 17, 1885, Amy E. Putnam, daughter of George E. Putnam, and they are the parents of three children: Alice Christine, born November 10, 1886, a graduate of Vassar College, class of 1908, now the wife of S. Lathrop Davenport, their three children being Jean Wing, Phylis, and Fayer, all born in Danvers, Massachusetts; Nelson, born December 12, 1887; and Philip Henry, born December 26, 1896. Nelson Wing is a graduate of Worcester Institute of Technology, class of 1909, and is now active as a civil engineer on the New York Central Railroad, being detailed to Washington, District of Columbia. Philip Henry Wing attended Massachusetts Agricultural College, enlisted in the United States Navy during the World War, and was active in convoy duty during that period.

LAURENCE JOHN DALY—Participating in a very definite and progressive way in the activities of his day, Laurence John Daly, of Webster, Massachusetts, is bringing to bear upon the progress of his residence community strong influence in the right direction. As editor of the "Webster Evening Times," his survey of of passing events reveals the thoughtful and forward-looking attitude of the man whose energies are consecrated to the well being of the people. Mr. Daly is a son of John and Hannah (Harney) Daly, his father a machinist throughout his lifetime, and a man of the highest integrity.

Laurence John Daly was born in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, April 20 1885. Receiving his early education



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in the public schools of his birthplace, he later attended Hitchcock Academy at Brimfield, Massachusetts. Entering the newspaper world as a young man, Mr. Daly was first affiliated with the "Worcester Telegram" in the capacity of reporter, and remained with that sheet until accepting the editorial chair of the "Webster Evening Times" in the year 1917. Giving to the advance of this newspaper the constructive endeavor of the natural executive, and bringing to bear upon its improvement the experience gained in his work as a reporter, Mr. Daly has greatly increased the circulation of the "Times" through his editorial policy, and it is now considered one of the outstanding dailies of Central Massachusetts. He gives his editorial sanction to every local movement which promises to benefit the people, and is considered one of the thoroughly noteworthy men of the day in journalistic affairs in this State. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus of Webster, and attends Saint Louis' Catholic Church.

Laurence John Daly married, in Warren, Massachusetts, October 9, 1903, Josie Sullivan, daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Welch) Sullivan, and they are the parents of two children: Mary Elizabeth, born March 8, 1905; and Laurence John, Jr., born November 18, 1918. The Daly residence is at No. 14 Whitcomb Street, Webster.

FREDERICK WILLARD BATEMAN, a distinguished figure in Worcester County, Massachusetts, whose natural ability was supplemented by a comprehensive educational preparation for his life work, and whose part in the engineering world has been one of importance, is still broadly active in his chosen profession, and his record of public usefulness links his name with some of the most honored positions of the Commonwealth. Well known in fraternal and social circles, he is highly esteemed by all with whom he comes in contact. Mr. Bateman is a son of William Frederick and Louisa Harrod (Willard) Bateman, his father active for many years as railroad station agent, also as Postmaster of Still River, Massachusetts.

Frederick Willard Bateman was born in Harvard, Massachusetts, December 17, 1852. His education was begun in the local common schools; later he attended Lancaster Academy, then entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in the class of 1871. The extensive railway construction activities at that period in process of development in New England engaged Mr. Bateman's attention for a considerable time, and through the succeeding years of his career he became broadly interested in hydraulic, municipal, and general engineering practice throughout this general section. Mr. Bateman's activities, however, were not limited even to the New England States, but reached throughout New York, Ohio, and various Middle States, many commissions of an exacting and important nature having been placed in his hands. He has risen to a position of large prominence in the engineering world of to-day. He was for several years consulting engineer for one of the leading railroad corporations of New England, and is now a partner in the firm of Parker, Bateman & Chase, civil engineers, with offices at Clinton and Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Mr. Bateman is further affiliated as a director with the Chaffee Brothers Company of

Oxford, Massachusetts, and these various responsibilities give his name broad significance.

A Republican by political convictions, and always loyal to the interests of the party, Mr. Bateman has served in local public offices of greater or less importance for many years. First elected public library trustee of the town of Harvard, his residence community, Mr. Bateman has also served as cemetery trustee, as trustee of the Warner Lecture Fund, and as a member of the Board of Health. His eminent usefulness in these connections, and his progressive spirit towards all advance, led to his election as Representative of the town of Harvard in the Massachusetts State Legislature, and in the deliberations of that body he participated to his own credit, his work also reflecting honor upon his constituency. It is all to little to say in appreciation of Mr. Bateman's career that he is one of the foremost citizens of Harvard, and holds a distinguished rank in his native State. Fraternally he is identified with the Boston Society of Civil Engineers; American Society for Testing Materials; New England Water Works Association; also the Massachusetts Forestry Association; and his clubs are the Prescott of Clinton, and the Massachusetts Republican.

HOWARD H. CHASE, of Leominster, of the ancient Chase family founded in early Colonial days by Aquilla and William Chase, is of the New Hampshire branch, a son of William Howard Chase, born in North Weare, New Hampshire, March 18, 1857. He was a resident of Weare until 1882, having been in the insurance business and an overseer in the weaving department of the Smith-Converse Woolen Mills. He moved to Leominster in 1882 and became overseer in the E. M. Rockwell mills, a position he held for years. He then, in association with William Rodgers, founded the Leominster Worsted Company, of which he was treasurer until his death, January 4, 1918. Mr. Chase was also a director of the Leominster National Bank and a trustee of Leominster Savings Bank. He was an able man of affairs, a master of the manufacturing of worsted and a wise financier. A Republican in politics, he served Leominster long and well. He was a member of the Sinking Fund Commission for sixteen years; member of the Board of Water Commissioners twenty-five years, and twenty-three of those years was chairman. Under his direction the Fall Brook and Morse reservoirs were built and other vital improvements made. In 1916 Mr. Chase resigned the place he had held so long. He was a member of the Masonic order; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Worcester Continentals; was an ardent sportsman, having hunted big game in the Rocky Mountains; was a member of the Camp Fire Club of America; Home Market Club; the Republican Club; Country Club and Sportsman's Association; and Leominster Chamber of Commerce. In religious faith he was a Unitarian, and when the church of that faith was erected he served as chairman of the building committee. He was an ardent champion of the road committee of the Massachusetts Automobile Association. He was one of the pioneer automobile owners of the Leominster section, and greatly enjoyed his tours. He was widely known and esteemed both as a business man and citizen, his genial, kindly nature making him a welcome

addition to any group. He was held in high regard in the textile industry, and the Leominster Worsted Mills grew prosperous and greatly expanded during his tenure of office as treasurer.

William Howard Chase married Ann S. Harwood, born in Harvard, Massachusetts, died in Leominster in 1903, and they were the parents of Howard H. Chase of this review.

Howard H. Chase, son of William Howard and Ann S. (Harwood) Chase, was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, December 18, 1889. He was educated in Leominster public schools, passing from high school to Worcester Technical Institute, whence he was graduated B. S., class of 1913. From the schoolroom he went to the Leominster Worsted Mills, and there was privileged to have four years business association with his father. Upon the death of William H. Chase, in 1918, Howard H. Chase was elected president of the Leominster Worsted Company, founded by his father, and now for five years under the executive management of the son. The mills of the company are the largest woolen mills in Leominster, and the product is widely distributed.

Howard H. Chase has been and is very much interested in the new Leominster Hospital, is on the finance committee, and active in the work. He is a director of the Leominster National Bank; director and vice-president of the Leominster Coöperative Bank; a member of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce; Monoosnock Country Club, Bass Point Club, and the Masonic Club. His fraternity is Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and he holds membership in the Masonic order. He is a Unitarian in religion, and is a member of the parish committee, chosen as chairman in 1922. He finds recreation in hunting and fishing.

On September 16, 1916, Howard H. Chase married Ruth M. Tisdale, born in Leominster, daughter of Albert A. and Florence E. (Tenny) Tisdale. Mrs. Chase belongs to the Fortnightly Club and the Musicale Club, being interested in both.

ALFRED NEWTON LITCH, for more than thirty years has been identified with the Leominster Worsted Company, of which he is now treasurer. Before coming to Leominster Mr. Litch had gained valuable experience in two lines of activity and is well known in Worcester County as an able and successful business man and a public-spirited progressive citizen. While he now reviews a career of business achievement most creditable to him, he reached that position through hard work and close application to the business he had chosen as his life work. He began his connection with the Leominster Worsted Company on a borrowed capital, and the success that has come to him has been fully earned. In the best sense of the term he is a self-made man. His business career began at the age of nineteen and now, at sixty-four, he is enjoying the fruits of those early years of devotion to the responsibilities he had assumed as a manufacturer and financier.

Mr. Litch inherited a keen business instinct and a natural inclination for trade through his father, Aaron Kimball Litch, a successful hardware merchant of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, the city of his birth. Aaron K. Litch was one of the original members of the Fitchburg Band, a well-known musical organization, of which he was for

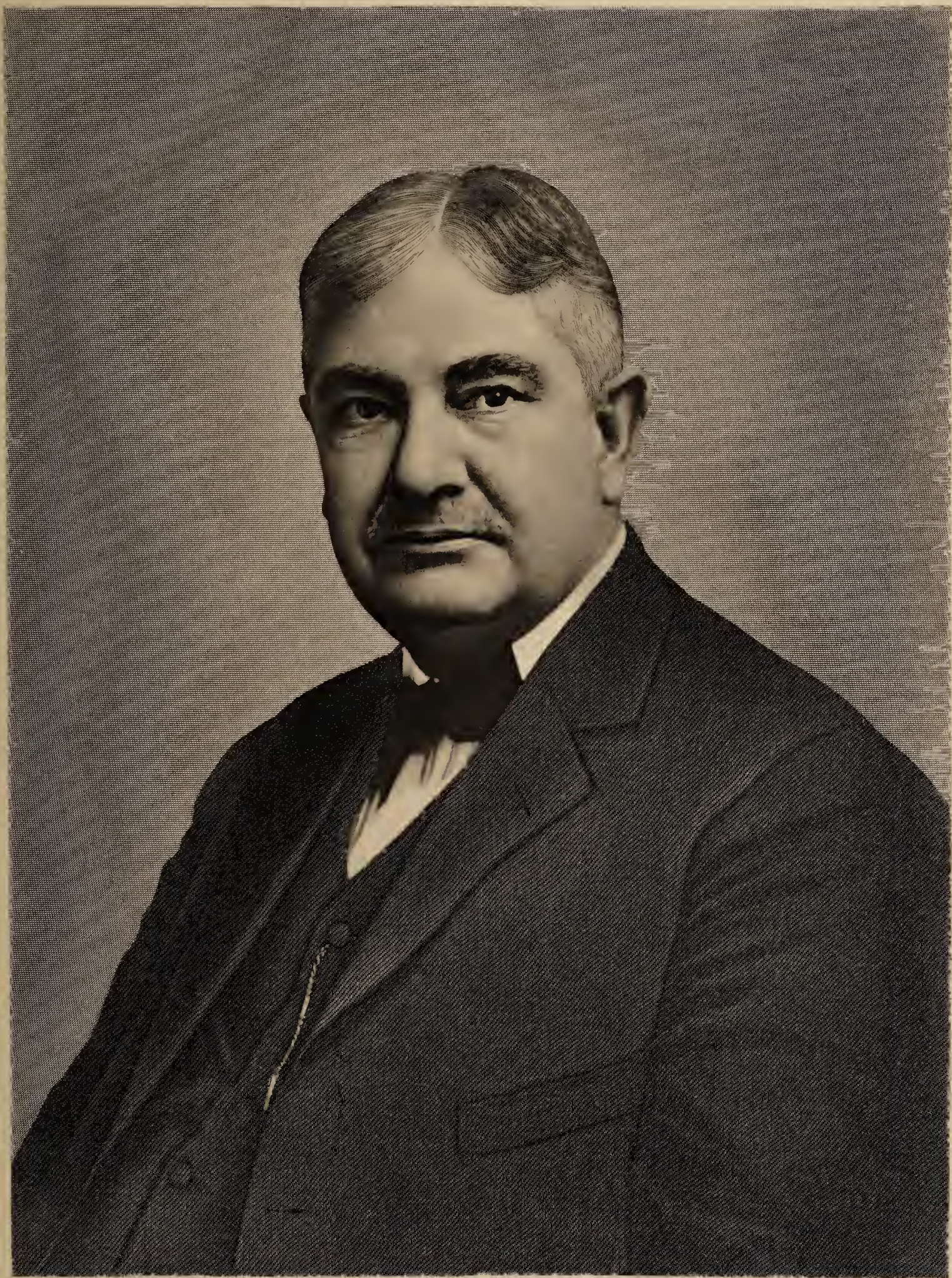
many years leader and treasurer. He was also a member of Green's Orchestra, a leading organization of its kind in that section of the State. He married Abby Newton, born in Templeton, Massachusetts, who died at the age of seventy-eight years. Aaron K. Litch died in Worcester, Massachusetts, October 27, 1892, having retired from active business several years prior to his death.

Alfred Newton Litch, son of Aaron Kimball and Abby (Newton) Litch, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, December 4, 1858, and after receiving a practical education in the public schools of his native city, found his first employment in the office of Parks & Carpenter, steamfitters. He remained with that firm for three years and subsequently entered the employ of James Phillips, Jr., in what is now known as the Arden Mills, which connection he maintained for a period of ten years. During the period prior to going with Mr. Phillips, he was employed by J. B. Fransworth, in Leominster, and spent two years in New York City. In 1883 he removed to Leominster, Worcester County, permanently, and in 1891 became associated with the Leominster Worsted Company, in the capacity of secretary and assistant treasurer. During the thirty-two years which have passed since that time, he has continued his official connection with that company, being now its honored treasurer, having been elected to that office in 1918. He is a man of sound business principles and has been an important factor in the upbuilding and prosperity of the corporation, whose financial destinies he guides. In addition to his connection with the Leominster Worsted Company, Mr. Litch is president of the Merchants' National Bank of Leominster; president of the Leominster Coöperative Bank, and a member of the board of trustees of the Leominster Savings Bank. He is a member of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce, and is actively interested in the advancement of the public welfare of Leominster. He was one of the men of that community that combined in an effort to raise the necessary funds to build and equip a new Leominster Hospital and now is serving that institution as a member of its board of trustees.

Mr. Litch holds fraternal relations with Leominster Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in social membership is connected with the Leominster and the Monoosnock Country clubs of Leominster, and the Fay Club of Fitchburg. His religious connection is with the Unitarian society. He enjoys travel, in fact that is his favorite recreation.

Mr. Litch married (first), on October 27, 1885, Mary Adams Porter, of Leominster, Massachusetts, who died September 26, 1893. Mr. Litch married (second), May 19, 1909, Alice Coles Robbins, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of Calvin and Julia (Coles) Robbins.

HAMILTON MAYO—With the passing of Hamilton Mayo, on January 26, 1924, Leominster, Massachusetts, suffered a loss that from the viewpoint of the entire citizenry of the section was incalculable, inasmuch as Mr. Mayo bore the title of leading citizen, that included the exemplary civic virtues of right living and of noble dealing. Standing unequivocally for the highest ideals in the community, he was a man who weighed



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matters carefully, judged impartially, and administered honorably. Half a century ago he was admitted to practice at the bar, and continued in his profession up to the time of his last illness. He was widely read in the law, and his advice was repeatedly sought in intricate legal matters; he was honored with office in civic institutions of both State and town, and in his turn honoring such institutions with his membership and presence; he was likewise, an official in all organizations established for the progress and general usefulness of the town; was a liberal, though unostentatious dispenser of charity; and at his passing Leominster could truly say: "A great man among us is fallen to-day."

Mr. Mayo was born at the family homestead at Westminster, Massachusetts, February 26, 1851, son of William and Mary Mayo, neither of whom survives. There he attended the public schools and prepared himself for his life work, and was graduated from Meriden Academy in 1869; from Dartmouth College in 1873; and from the Albany Law School in 1874. In 1874 he was admitted to the bar, and in February of 1875, opened an office in Leominster. In 1883 he was appointed trial justice, holding that office four years. Up to the year 1917 he was president of the Leominster National Bank, resigning then, and being succeeded by Fred A. Young. Mr. Mayo continued as a director, and was also actively interested in the Leominster Savings Bank, as a member of the corporation and board of investment and trustees. He served Leominster in the State Legislature in 1904-1905, and as Town Auditor and chairman of the School Board, and had been a trustee of the public library since 1907, besides filling minor offices from time to time. He was elected to the City Council when Leominster became a city, and was subsequently president of the Council. He was the first president of the Leominster Home for Old Ladies, and was prominent in the Leominster Historical Society. His fraternal affiliations were with Leominster Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, since 1876; and his clubs were the Leominster and the Monoosnock Country Club. He was one of the most active and valued members of the Unitarian church.

He is survived by his wife, Laura S. Mayo, a daughter, Esther W., wife of Dr. Willard H. Foss; a son, Councillor Winthrop M. Mayo; and a sister, Mrs. Emma F. Creed, of Gardner, Massachusetts.

FRANK E. KINSMAN passed away at his home in Leominster, Massachusetts, on February 5, 1924, a prominent townsman of that community retiring from life's action; and all who know aught of the wonderful story of the beginnings and the development of the telephone, were aware of the fact that a pioneer inventor in that sphere of world-wide usefulness had died. Few men living in our day, either in this country or elsewhere, had been more closely identified with the various telephone interests, nor more vitally related to the origin and the simple equipment of the childhood day of the great invention. An inventor of note, he was chief among those who worked to introduce the earlier mechanisms and methods that helped to establish the business of the telephone. His life was signalized throughout by kindred discoveries, and it is recorded that he

had received some fifty patents for his inventions. Besides his telephone patents he patented the devices for automatically controlling the motive power and the airbrakes of railroad trains; and later he put them in operation in the express services of the New York City subway and the Boston Elevated Railroad. Mr. Kinsman was a pioneer in these matters; a member of leading engineering associations; and in his home city prominent in many lines for his efforts for the public good and general progress. He was a son of Cyrus and Helen Dorothy (Allen) Kinsman, both lifelong residents of Leominster.

Frank E. Kinsman was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, August 14, 1852, and received his education in the public schools of this city. Throughout his life he gave his complete attention to the discovery and application of inventions that have proven of unbounded significance to the advance of civilization. Besides his many other activities in the telephone world, he was the first to design and work out the central office system, and to build a central office telephone line, this taking place early in the summer of 1876. In 1877 he established the telephone central office business in Chicago, and in less than a year after he went there, invented the multiple telephone switchboard, which has become the vitally important element in the telephone central office system of to-day. During the years 1879-1880, he was the first superintendent of repairs and attachments of the New York Telephone Company, from which position he resigned to form the firm of Kinsman & Toby, of which he was president until 1890, during which time the low tension circuit arc lamp and many other electrical improvements were introduced under his direction. From that time onwards he was consulting engineer for several large electrical and business establishments, and in 1907 became president of the Kinsman Block System Company, which owns his automatic control patents referred to.

When Leominster was a town, Mr. Kinsman was a member of the Board of Selectmen; a member of the Planning Board, and served as Superintendent of Streets. He had been Councillor from Ward One for several years. In his fraternal affiliations he was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons; of the Knights Templar; and he was a Noble of Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member of the American Society of Electrical Engineers; the Telephone Pioneers of America; the American Signal Association; and of the Merchants' Association of the city of New York, in which he served on various important committees. He is survived by his wife and three children: Cyrus Kinsman, of Detroit, Michigan; Annie and Grace Kinsman, of Leominster; and by a brother, Arthur Kinsman, of Baltimore, Maryland.

HARRY WILLIAMS GODDARD, president of the Spencer Wire Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, was born at Holyoke, September 14, 1863, son of Dorrance Sibley and Mary Howe (Williams) Goddard. He attended the public schools of Worcester. After two years in the high school he left to work in the wire mills of the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company at Quinsigamond, beginning as a scale boy.

weighing wire. After two years, however, he returned to school and spent a year in Wilbraham Academy. At the age of seventeen he started in the wire business again, literally at the foot of the ladder, in the employ of the Spencer Wire Company, then located in Spencer, doing all kinds of work and mastering every detail step by step, and when he came of age he was made superintendent of the mill, succeeding the president of the company, Mr. Sugden, who had previously been his own superintendent. At that time the Spencer Wire Company was an old and somewhat conservative concern, growing from small beginning to a place of importance, employing seventy-five hands. Mr. Goddard was also secretary of the corporation. After the death of Mr. Sugden, in 1895, Mr. Goddard bought of his heirs his interests in the company, and obtained a controlling interest, continuing as principal owner to the present time, and as president and general manager of the company. In 1900 a big step forward was made by erecting a new and model plant in Worcester at the corner of Webster and Jacques streets. The general offices were moved to the new location and the business rapidly extended. The company manufactures all kinds of uncovered steel and iron wire and employs at present (1917) about eight hundred hands. Mr. Goddard is treasurer of the Hobbs Manufacturing Company. For ten years he was president of the Springfield Drop Forging Company, and is now president of the Mills Woven Cartridge Belt Company of Worcester.

In 1903 he was elected president of the Board of Trade (now the Chamber of Commerce) of Worcester and reelected the following year. Under his administration, the activities of the board were extended in all directions, and its usefulness greatly increased. When President Taft, then Secretary of War, came to Worcester in 1905 to speak at the annual banquet of the Board of Trade, Mr. Goddard had the pleasant duty of entertaining him at his beautiful residence on Salisbury Street. In politics Mr. Goddard is a Republican, and he has always taken an active part in public affairs, serving as delegate to the various nominating conventions. He is a director of the Mechanics' National Bank and trustee of the People's Savings Bank; member of the Maine Coast Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club, the Commonwealth Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, and the Worcester Country Club.

In a sense Mr. Goddard is one of the self-made manufacturers of the city. Beginning as a laborer himself, he has possessed the proper point of view in considering the needs and ambitions of those in his employ. He made a small plant a great industry by his force of character, insight, and energy. Inheriting a taste and aptitude for his business, he has made the most of his opportunities, and by his success has helped materially in the growth of the city. His place among the leading manufacturers of the city has been fairly won by force of ability, character, and tireless energy.

Mr. Goddard married, December 14, 1887, Grace Watson, daughter of George and Eleanor Watson, of Spencer. Their children are: Eleanor Grace, born March 25, 1889; and Marion Williams, born August 29, 1893.

Mr. and Mrs. Goddard made known their intention to erect a home for the corporation known as the Home for Aged Men, in Worcester, in memory of Mr. God-

dard's father and mother, at the meeting of the trustees, April 5, 1917. The new fireproof structure was to cost \$75,000 or more, and to be a model of its kind, extending greatly the usefulness of the institution. It was to be erected on the old site of the institution, at No. 1199 Main Street, the old building to be taken down. A building committee, consisting of Mr. Goddard, Francis H. Dewey, and Franklin B. Durfee, was appointed at the time.

WALTER REEVES DAME—Immediately after the incorporation of Clinton, Worcester, Massachusetts, John Thompson Dame, father of Walter Reeves Dame, began the practice of law there, being the pioneer lawyer of the town. He was a son of Dr. John Dame, an eminent physician of Lyme, New Hampshire, and a State Senator. Dr. John Dame married Abigail Thompson, and their only child was John Thompson Dame.

Walter R. Dame, of this review, was of the eighth American generation of the family founded in New England by John Dame, born in England about 1610, who came to New England about 1633, settled at Dover, New Hampshire. John Dame was a deacon of the first parish church at Dover in 1675, and had his first grant of land at Dam Point. He and Nicholas Dame were signers of a petition to the Governor of New Hampshire in 1689. He married Elizabeth Pomfret, daughter of William Pomfret, and they were the parents of six children. From John and Elizabeth (Pomfret) Dame the line of descent is traced through the generations as follows:

(II.) William Dame, born in Dover, New Hampshire, October 14, 1652; and his wife, Martha Pomfret; six children.

(III.) William (2) Dame, born in Dover, New Hampshire, November 14, 1686, and his wife, Sarah Kimmin; four children.

(IV.) William (3) Dame, born February 20, 1710.

(V.) Theodore Dame, born about 1740, and his wife, Martha. Theodore Dame was a soldier of the Revolution and settled in Oxford, New Hampshire, and was a man of prominence. He was a lieutenant under Arnold in his attack on Quebec.

(VI.) Dr. John Dame, born June 7, 1773, a noted physician of his day, and his wife, Abigail Thompson.

(VII.) John Thompson Dame, born in Oxford, New Hampshire, October 21, 1816, and his wife, Eliza Elmira Reeves.

(VIII.) Walter Reeves Dame, of further mention.

John Thompson Dame, of previous mention, was early orphaned, and was reared in the home of a cousin, whom he always remembered with love and gratitude. He was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1840 with Phi Beta Kappa honors, and later prepared for the profession of law under private preceptors and at Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the bar in 1843 and began private practice in Marlboro, Massachusetts, going thence in 1844, to Lancaster. He remained in practice in Lancaster for five years, serving the last two years as Police Magistrate. On April 1, 1850, he moved to Clinton, Massachusetts, then newly incorporated, and the same year was appointed Police Magistrate. He held that office until 1858, when he exchanged it for the office of Police Justice, an office he

held until 1863. The resolutions adopted by the bar association at the time of his death, are:

As a magistrate and practitioner, he brought to the discharge of all his duties, an intelligent and comprehensive knowledge of the law, a well-trained, vigorous mind, habits of untiring industry, and a strong love of justice which always distinguishes the impartial judge and the successful, upright lawyer. He had a keen sense of the obligations of his profession to the community, and he used his influence and opportunities as a counsellor to discourage strife and promote a peaceful settlement between contending parties. While always true to his clients, and faithful and painstaking in his clients' cause, he was equally loyal to the court, and in all his transactions as a lawyer, he kept both the letter and the spirit of the attorney's oath.

Mr. Dame was a Democrat in politics, and under President Pierce was appointed Postmaster of Clinton, and reappointed under President Buchanan, serving from September 7, 1853, until April 6, 1861. He was a staunch Union man, and it was on his motion that Clinton appropriated money for the relief of soldiers' families. He was a member of the School Committee for seventeen years, and chairman all but three of those years. Although called the "watch dog of the treasury," he was most liberal in appropriations for the schools, and was deeply interested in the Bigelow Free Public Library, which he served as director. He wrote a history of Clinton for the county history of 1879, his useful life closing in Clinton on July 3, 1894, "a life fraught with blessings to the town, both in deed and example, a life of service, both through private and public channels, a life of high ideals in education, of unswerving integrity, and of Puritan simplicity."

John T. Dame married Eliza Elmira Reeves, who died in 1899, and whose ancestors settled in Wayland (then Sudbury), Massachusetts, in 1675. She was a daughter of Jacob Reeves, who was Town Clerk and Trial Justice of Wayland for many years. Both John T. and Eliza E. (Reeves) Dame were members of the Congregational church. They were the parents of six children: 1. John, who died in infancy. 2. Abby E., a teacher. 3. Myra, deceased. 4. Agnes R., deceased. 5. Frances E., of Clinton. 6. Walter Reeves, of further mention.

Walter Reeves Dame, son of John T. and Eliza E. (Reeves) Dame, was born, June 22, 1861, and died January 6, 1924. He completed the courses of Clinton public schools, including high, and finished college preparation at Phillips-Exeter Academy. He entered Harvard University for a classical course, and was graduated A. B., *cum laude*, class of 1883. Deciding upon the profession of law, he spent a year in his father's office, then entered the law department of the Boston University, whence he was graduated LL. B. *cum laude*, class of 1886. He was at once admitted to the Suffolk County bar, and until the death of his honored father in 1894 they practiced as a firm, he the only partner his father ever had. From 1894 until 1923, Walter R. Dame practiced his profession, and all through the years was largely interested in other activities than the law. He long maintained a general insurance department, fire, life, and fidelity; was one of the organizers of the Clinton Coöperative Bank, and a director; was a member of the board of directors that completed the Clinton Railroad, and became interested in public utilities in the

States of Florida, Vermont, and Massachusetts. The most important of these, the Public Electric Light Company, is founded on the franchises of the Vermont Power and Manufacturing Company, which Mr. Dame and his associates bought in 1916 and developed to a point where it is supplying the greater part of the power used in the northern part of the State of Vermont, including the cities of St. Albans, St. Albans Bay, Westford, Colchester, Cambridge, Jeffersonville, and Burlington. Mr. Dame, in addition to owning a large interest, was chairman of the board and managing director and chief counsel for the corporation up to the time of his passing away.

In politics Mr. Dame was a Democrat, and long served his town as Town Committeeman, first chosen in 1884; and as secretary of the Board of Selectmen, first appointed in 1887. He was also secretary of the Board of Water Commissioners, but had entirely retired from politics. Both as a lawyer and as a business man his standing was very high, and as a citizen he was public spirited and progressive. He was a trustee of the Weeks Fund of Clinton, an attendant of the Unitarian church; a member of Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Clinton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; Clinton Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; a member of the Sons of the American Revolution; of the National Electric Light Association; the Harvard Club of Boston; Prescott Club of Clinton; and the Owl and the Champlain Country clubs, of St. Albans, Vermont.

Walter R. Dame married (first), in 1894, Augusta Vickery, who died in 1895, daughter of Charles A. Vickery, one of the old established dry goods merchants of Portland, Maine. He married (second) Jennie E. Stone, who died in 1917, daughter of Judge Christopher C. and Ardella Stone. He married (third) Elizabeth Ayling, daughter of George A. and Julia (Carter) Ayling. While the family home is in Clinton, Mr. Dame had his winter home at Daytona, Florida, and there spent several months each year.

GILBERT MOSES BILLINGS—A force for progress in Worcester County, Massachusetts, for more than one-half a century, the life of Gilbert Moses Billings, of Milford, stands in direct relation to the welfare of the people, his forty-two years of experience as editor and publisher of the "Milford Gazette" having linked his name with every branch of community and general advance. Mr. Billings is still active, and his tireless endeavors over this long period of time form a record of worthy concentration of energies which has been crowned with large success. Mr. Billings is a son of William L. and Eunice E. (Kelly) Billings, his father for many years active in the trucking and transfer business, also Superintendent of Streets in the town of Milford.

Gilbert Moses Billings was born in East Blackstone, Massachusetts, February 18, 1853. Receiving his early education in the public schools, he later attended the Milford (Massachusetts) High School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1869. For thirteen years thereafter Mr. Billings was engaged as a bookkeeper with local concerns, then established the "Milford Ga-

zette," of which he is editor and publisher. Its editorial policy is progressive, endorsing every forward movement and holding to the highest standard of civic and social advancement. Mr. Billings has for many years been more or less closely identified personally with local affairs, and has served several terms as a member of the School Board. Taking a deep interest in all benevolent and charitable endeavors, he has served for twenty-two years as a trustee of the Milford Hospital, and for more than twelve years was a member of the managing board of that institution. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of which he is a Past Master Workman, and attends the Universalist parish of Milford, Massachusetts.

Gilbert Moses Billings married, in Milford, Massachusetts, November 26, 1874, Edith L. Blake, daughter of George B. and Harriet C. Blake, and they have one son, George William, born September 18, 1878, who married Adeline C. Teele, and they are the parents of one son, Robert Teele, born May 7, 1910.

JOSEPH PALMER HOLMAN, son of Joshua Reed and Nancy (Palmer) Holman, was born in Harvard, Massachusetts, January 16, 1850, and there attended the public school until becoming a wage earner at an early age. In 1868 he first came to Leominster, Massachusetts, and there has since continuously resided.

He obtained employment with F. A. Whitney, as a driver of Mr. Whitney's horses, which were used both for factory hauling and carriage driving. Through this introduction to Leominster and its great manufacturing plant, Mr. Holman began his career, and the years have brought a wonderful rise in fortune, he being now the honored president of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company, the same firm with which he began as a driver. In 1870 he was given a position in the factory, where he worked in a subordinate capacity for fifteen years, but made such good use of his opportunities to gain an intimate knowledge of the business in all its details, that in 1885 he became a stockholder, and was made superintendent of the plant. In 1888 he was elected a member of the board of directors, and advanced to the rank of general manager. Mr. Holman continued as director with general supervision of the plant until 1898, when F. A. Whitney resigned as president of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company, and on July 19, 1898, Mr. Holman was elected his successor.

During the period of his active administration of the duties of the executive office, June, 1898, to June, 1920, the business was wonderfully expanded, and attained its greatest development, being now the largest of its kind in the world. In June, 1920, Mr. Holman retired from the more active duties of president, but he is still the executive head of the company he entered in his youth, and of that business, in the creation of which he has been such an important factor. Mr. Holman, although deeply engrossed in his work, always gave liberally of his time to civic affairs and his achievements were many, which he fostered, and notably helped to a realization.

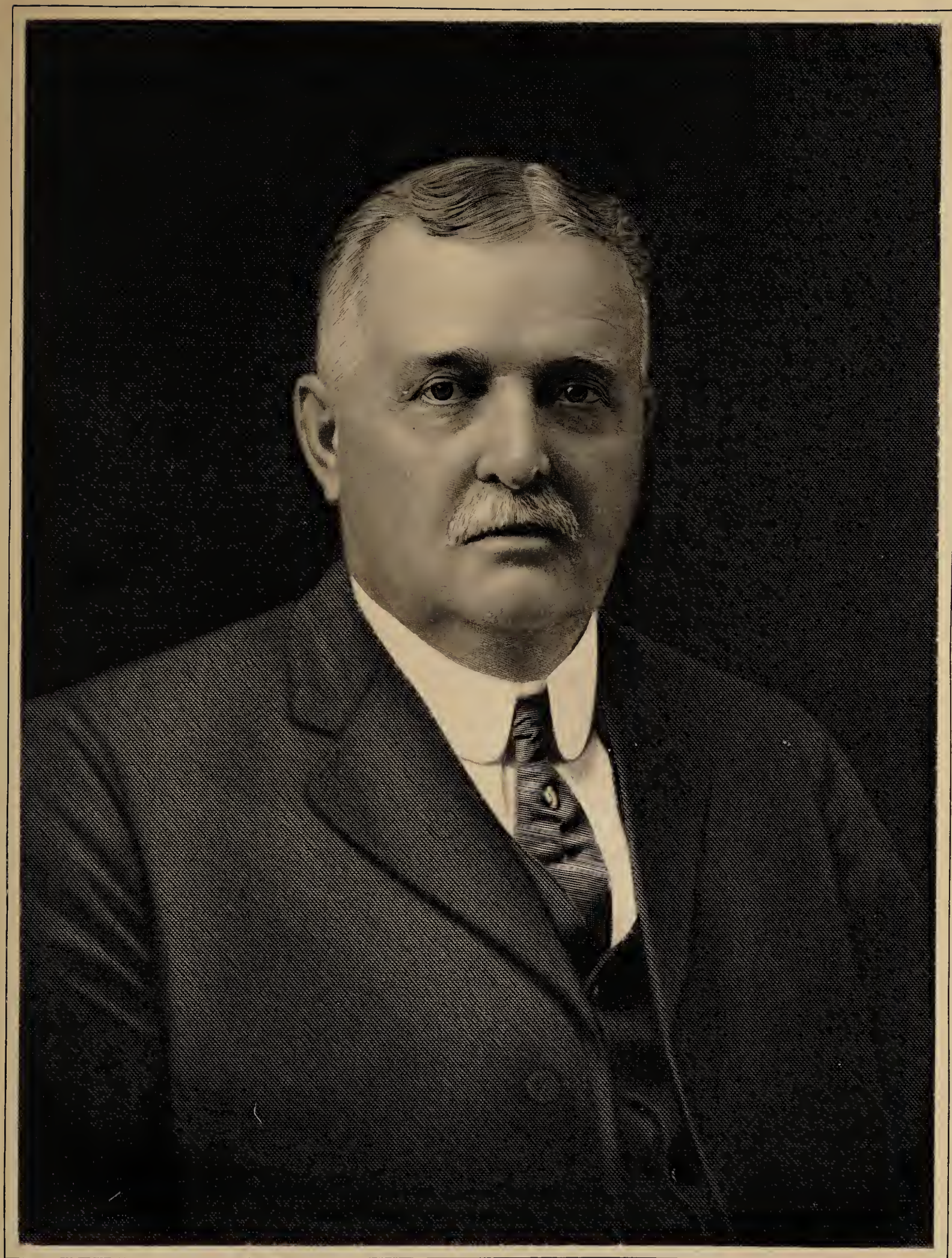
He was intensely interested and active in acquiring the site for a new post office for Leominster, to be located at the corner of Merriam Avenue and Main Street, and this site is now government property. He served as a member of the committee which built the

new city hall, and the lights at the West Street entrance are a part of his personal contribution. He was trustee of the Leominster Hospital Association and a member of the building committee. He was a charter member of the Leominster Country Club, and for many years its president, and he took an active part in organizing and in the building of the club house of the Monoosnock Country Club, and was a member of the club. He is also a member of the Leominster Club, the Fay Club of Fitchburg, and Boston Athletic Association. He was one of the promoters and past president of the Leominster Coöperative Bank; was a director in the Leominster National Bank, Fitchburg Safe Deposit and Trust Company, and later the Fitchburg Bank and Trust Company. During the World War he was chairman of the finance committee of the Public Safety Committee. In politics Mr. Holman is a Republican, but political preferment was not a part of his scheme of life and he never sought public office. His fraternity is the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Holman was a great lover of nature and outdoor life. It was characteristic of him to rarely be without a button-hole bouquet. His hobby was horses, and he was often seen driving a fleet-stepping steed both on the highway and race track.

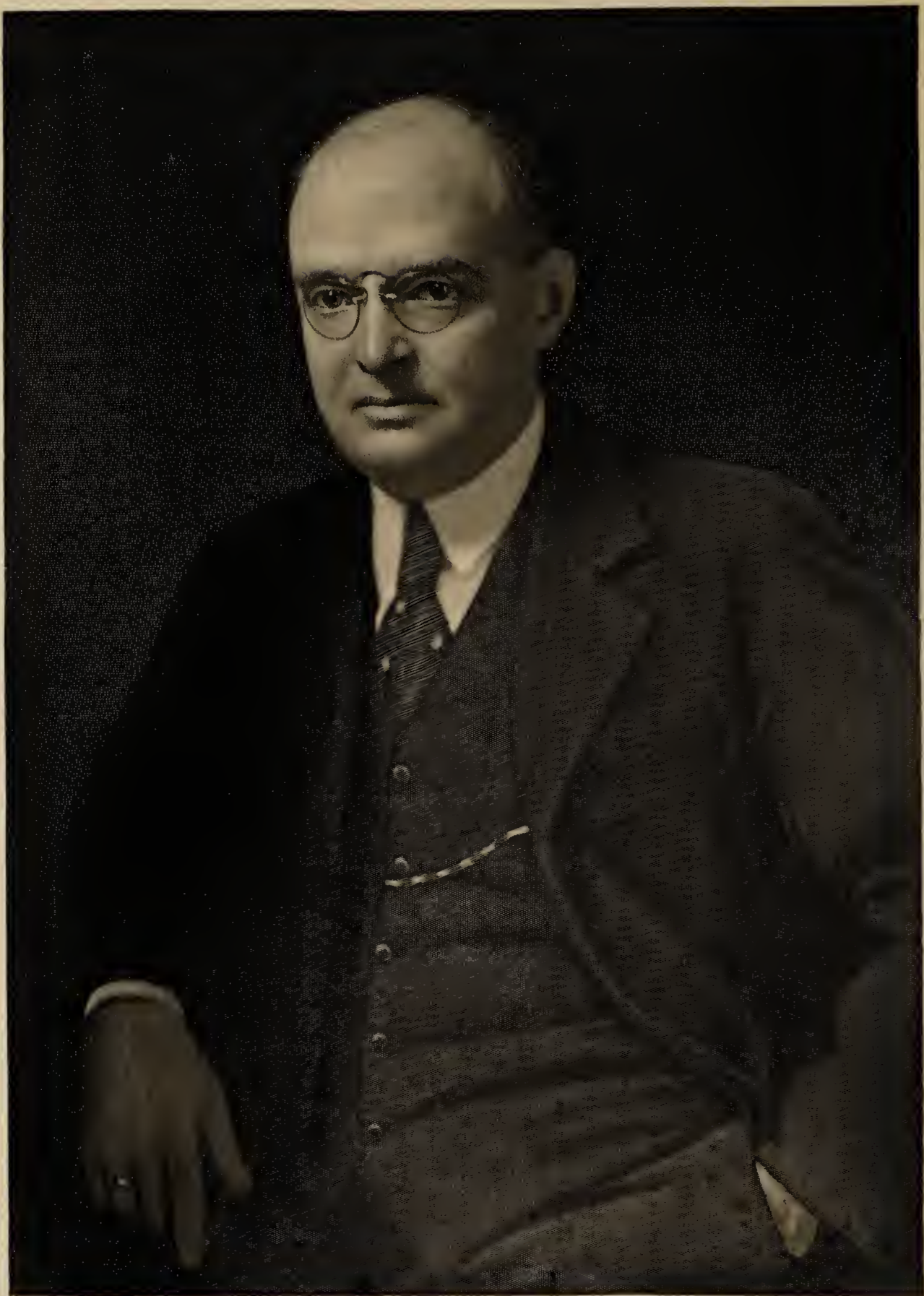
Joseph P. Holman married, November 11, 1873, Emma Jane Potter, born October 12, 1850, died November 10, 1896, aged forty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Holman were the parents of two children: William E., a sketch of whom follows; and Edith, a graduate of Leominster High School, and who also attended Smith College. She married Fred A. Russell, of Leominster, June 25, 1907.

WILLIAM E. HOLMAN, only son of Joseph Palmer and Emma Jane (Potter) Holman, (q. v.) was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, May 2, 1875. He was educated in the public grammar and high schools, finishing with a course in business college. In 1894, at the age of nineteen, he entered as a clerk the office of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company, manufacturers of baby carriages in Leominster, the city of his birth. Nearly three decades have since elapsed, and there has been no change in business connections, the only change having been in relationship. During that entire period he has been a contemporary with his father in the same corporation. He advanced rapidly, and in 1895 was admitted to the corporation and elected clerk. In 1903 he was made a director, and in June, 1920, upon the retirement of his father from the active duties of the presidency, he was made manager by the board of directors. In 1921 he was elected vice-president, general manager and acting president.

Mr. Holman has largely confined his energies to the business of the corporation with which he has spent his mature life. This does not mean, however, that he has not been actively interested in the civic and social life of the city, for he has always given liberally of his time and means to such affairs. During the World War he was actively associated with the several drives, and was also chairman of the volunteer aid and emergency fund committee of the Committee on Public Safety. He was a member of the committee which had charge of the building of the new Leominster Hospital, and is one



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of the trustees of that institution. Mr. Holman is affiliated with several clubs, being a member and president of the Leominster Country, member of the Leominster, Monoosnock Country of Leominster, Worcester Country, Fay and Oak Hill Country clubs of Fitchburg, and Old Colony Club at Boston. He is also a member of the Congregational church, Leominster Chamber of Commerce, and the Leominster Lodge of Elks. He is a director in the Merchants' National Bank of Leominster, and the Safety Fund National Bank of Fitchburg. Mr. Holman is exceedingly fond of outdoor life, his hobby being horseback riding. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Holman married, on October 9, 1899, Alice Rockwell, daughter of Edward M. and Martha (Smith) Rockwell. Mr. and Mrs. Holman are the parents of two children: Lois R., born October 5, 1900, educated in Leominster Grammar and High schools, Walnut Hill Preparatory School, and Vassar College, now residing at home; and Paul R., born February 22, 1904, now (1923) preparing for college. The family home is in Leominster.

(F. A. Whitney Carriage Company).

Leominster has long been the seat of the baby carriage industry, in fact, before the Civil War, the industry started which was the beginning of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company. At that time, over sixty-five years ago, there were in Leominster two cousins, F. A. and F. W. Whitney, who were of an inventive and resourceful turn of mind. It happened that one day while he was in Greenfield, F. W. Whitney was attracted by what to him was an unusual sight, a baby carriage of a much more pleasing design than that of the prevailing pattern with which he was then familiar. The old style of baby carriage was rude in shape and construction. The one which he saw in Greenfield was so graceful, and had so many new ideas of construction that it set him thinking, and by the time he had returned to Leominster his ideas had so far crystallized that they were soon to bear fruit in an industry in the town in which he lived. Feeling confident that the manufacture of such carriages would be a profitable undertaking, upon his return to Leominster, he discussed with his cousin, F. A. Whitney, the probable success of a company engaged in manufacturing similar carriages in Leominster, and also talked over the details necessary to the organization of such a company. As a result of this, they began in 1858, under the firm name of F. W. & F. A. Whitney, the industry now known as the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company, which to-day is the largest of its kind in the world.

They hired the basement of the old Lockey shop, a building where corn planters and apple parers were manufactured, on the easterly side of the railroad crossing on Mechanic Street, and started with half a dozen employees. Seventy-five carriages, two-wheeled and with a long tongue and a supporting standard in front, were made during the first year. The new business met with a severe loss in 1862 when fire destroyed the building which it occupied. Both stock and equipment, except for one planer, which was still in use until a few years ago, were completely swept away. The cousins had begun with very little capital, and as there

was no insurance, they were only able to reestablish the business by borrowing from their friends. Their second beginning was in the small building now standing near the track on the right of Water Street as one crosses the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, on the way to the present plant of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company at the foot of the hill. For several years they occupied this building in connection with two other buildings across the street, where the passenger station now stands, which were used for upholstering and finishing.

Mr. F. A. Whitney sold his interest to Mr. F. W. Whitney in February, 1865, to enter the service in the Christian Commission of the Civil War, but bought back his interest upon his return the following July. In November he purchased Mr. F. W. Whitney's share, thus becoming in his turn sole owner of the business. In 1865 he was requested to vacate this location, and then arose a problem difficult to solve; where should he next locate, as the industry was growing rapidly. The water privilege to be obtained upon a tract of land at the foot of the hill settled the question, and he at once erected a building situated where the westerly group of present buildings now stand. From the woods on this land, known as "Paradise," and formerly a part of the old Houghton estate, came Leominster's first flag pole, which was placed on the Common soon after the Civil War, where it stood for many years. Mr. Whitney's original two and a half story building measured sixty by thirty-two feet. Additions and alterations have been made nearly every year since the time of its erection to keep pace with the growth of the industry. During the first two years, carriages ready for shipment were hauled half a mile in a roundabout way through the woods, to the freight station, but at Mr. Whitney's urgent appeal, the town finally decided, on October 16, 1867, to build a wooden bridge across the stream on Water Street, although the Selectmen doubted at the time whether the new industry could ever pay enough in taxes to give interest on money thus expended. An iron bridge, which replaced the wooden one in 1890, was followed by the present steel structure eleven years ago at the time of the construction of the "Loop Line," a part of the Worcester Consolidated Railway which now passes the plant.

About 1870 Mr. F. W. Whitney, who had decided to begin a business of his own, bought a strip of land bordering on Mr. F. A. Whitney's purchase, from Caldwell & Miller, tub manufacturers, and erected a building for the making of baby carriages, two and four-wheeled wagons, and toy carts. Associated with him were F. A. Whitney's younger brother, William, and Sumner M. Frost, a brother-in-law. This separate manufacture did not have a long existence, for Mr. F. A. Whitney induced its promoters to enter his business, and in 1871 incorporated the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company with F. A. Whitney, president; F. W. Whitney, treasurer; Sumner M. Frost, secretary and salesman; and William B. Whitney, superintendent of the wood and iron department. These four men were also the directors of the organization and owned the entire stock. The new company continued the manufacture of carts, but, although this business proved a prosperous one, it came

to an end after seven or eight years, as space was limited and the firm had become more interested in the making of baby carriages.

The purchase of a water right from Caldwell & Miller in 1876 added a nineteen-foot dam to the original six-foot one of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company. For several years the company sold power to four separate industries which were connected with its water wheel by cables. The first hydraulic elevator in the plant and also the first in Leominster, was installed during the summer of 1881. Before then it had been necessary to carry everything up and downstairs. There are now five elevators in the plant, four hydraulic and one electric. It was also in 1881 that Mr. William Look made the first reed carriage built by the company, from a pattern designed by Mr. Frank H. Shaw. Sumner M. Frost retired in 1885, and William C. Burdett, Joseph P. Holman, Philip Lothrop, and Frank H. Shaw, employees of the company, became stockholders. Mr. Holman, who had begun work at eighteen as chore boy for Mr. F. A. Whitney, was also made superintendent of the entire plant. In 1886 William B. Whitney withdrew from the business and George W. Foster, formerly of Foster Brothers & Kenney, entered the company. Soon after Mr. F. H. Shaw sold his interest and retired.

In 1888 the organization consisted of F. A. Whitney, president and treasurer; William C. Burdett, secretary; George W. Foster, salesman; W. C. Burdett, G. W. Foster, J. P. Holman, P. Lothrop, F. A. Whitney, and F. W. Whitney, directors. The output of the plant that year was 35,000 carriages, a large number then, but small when compared with the present figures. The organization remained the same from 1888 to 1891, when Mr. Foster died. The yearly output of carriages had increased to nearly 40,000, and the employees numbered about two hundred. In 1895 W. E. Holman, son of J. P. Holman, was admitted to the company as secretary, and W. H. Cropper, of Fitchburg, became treasurer. Mr. F. J. Shaw was admitted as a stockholder of the company and elected a director. Mr. F. W. Whitney had died the previous year, leaving the directors W. H. Cropper, J. P. Holman, P. Lothrop, F. J. Shaw (superintendent of the reed department), and F. A. Whitney. These directors remained the same until Mr. Lothrop retired in 1899, three years before his death. In the summer of 1898, Mr. F. A. Whitney, who for a number of years had been interested in Wachusett Shirt Company, resigned as president of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company, and on July 19, Mr. J. P. Holman was elected to succeed him. During Mr. J. P. Holman's administration the business expanded to an extent beyond all expectation, and achieved its greatest development under his management. He associated with himself in the business men of capabilities in their various lines, and it was this keen sightedness in organization which contributed largely to the development of the industry, which he managed up to June, 1920, when he retired from active duties. Mr. W. E. Holman became a director of the company in 1903. Two years later Mr. F. A. Whitney severed his connection by selling to Mr. J. P. Holman the remainder of his holdings, some of which he had sold the previous year.

At the outbreak of the World War the supply of reeds which had been imported from Germany, and from

which practically all of the carriages in use at that time were made, was cut off. It became necessary for the company to develop the splitting of reeds from rattan which was imported from China and the British East Indies. Special machinery had to be built to convert the rattan into reeds. Up to this time there were but three concerns in America doing such work, and Mr. J. P. Holman realized the immediate necessity of developing this source of raw materials, which has grown into a very important department of the business to-day, and by his prompt action at that time the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company was able to supply its customers during a period when it would, otherwise, have been practically impossible to do so. The weaving of twisted paper into fiber, a substitute for reed, patented by Mr. F. J. Shaw in 1904, has become a large part of the business, the lack of German reeds during the war bringing this new material into great prominence. Other manufacturers, upon using it, found it so satisfactory that its weaving, on looms made at the plant, is now an industry in itself. Seventy-five per cent of the carriages shipped by the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company are of fiber, which has replaced the equally large reed business of five years ago. Other inventions of value have also been patented. A reversible handle for baby carriages, devised by William Whitney in 1876, was used for many years. When the inch-wide leather straps, which formerly ran from one gear of the carriage to the other as in the old stage coaches, were changed to steel, William Whitney practically originated the steel spring for this purpose, learning how to temper it successfully. Perhaps most important of all is the anti-friction wheel fastener, a simple device, patented in 1898 for fastening wheels on axles without the use of a nut, thus making it very easy to assemble the parts after shipment.

The company had about seven hundred employees in 1906, its business for that year amounting to nearly \$1,000,000. The manufacture of doll carriages for the Christmas season was begun just before this time as a solution to the problem of retaining employees and keeping the plant busy through the summer months, when orders for baby carriages were few. Thirty-five different styles of doll carriages are now made, resembling the baby carriages in every detail. The company has had several losses in property, but has continued bravely on its course. The first large fire of consequence in nearly fifty years, since the burning of the Lockey shop, occurred on April 18, 1909, when the paint shop was burned. The fire was on a Sunday morning, and the following Monday was a holiday, but on April 20, this department of the plant was in full working order in an unused basement cleared out for the purpose. A second fire on February 26, 1910, destroyed the mill room, a wooden building, which was immediately replaced by a brick one. With the exception of a short period during the war, additions to the plant have been made each year. The third and last fire was on January 5, 1918, when one of the storehouses burned to the ground. Over four thousand carriages ready for shipment were destroyed, but the filling of orders was not interrupted by this unfortunate circumstance.

Mr. C. E. Potter became a director in 1908, and from that year until 1917, when Mr. F. J. Shaw died, the



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officers remained the same, the longest period without change in the history of the company. Harold F. Shaw, son of F. J. Shaw, was elected a director and stockholder in 1918, and George B. Ambler, George H. Roukes, and Bertram H. Hayes became stockholders the same year. In 1921 W. E. Holman was made vice-president and general manager. F. L. Butler, now treasurer, came to the company in 1922 to fill the position when Mr. Cropper retired. The present officers are: J. P. Holman, president; W. E. Holman, acting president and vice-president; F. L. Butler, treasurer; J. P. Holman, W. E. Holman, F. L. Butler, C. E. Potter, and H. F. Shaw, directors. From its single unit which comprised the plant in 1858, the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company has grown to an industry which requires for its production and housing over twelve acres of land and twenty-nine distinct buildings. So admirably are these buildings placed and so efficiently are the machines arranged that the raw material in the shape of wood, reed, iron, and steel can be said virtually to come into one part of the plant, go through in the process of manufacture the buildings which are arranged in a circle, and come out in the shipping department, the finished carriage ready for transport. From this plant baby carriages go to nearly every city and hamlet in America that is reached by railroad or by mail, and to the most distant points of the world. One aim has been constant during its sixty-five years of production, and that is to improve and make more beautiful its products, and to-day the vehicles of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company go into the homes of the most exclusive, as well as into the homes of the most humble.

FRED LANE BUTLER, treasurer of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company of Leominster, Massachusetts, was formerly for many years a resident of Gardner, where he was associated with the Heywood-Wakefield Company, formerly Heywood Brothers & Company. He was born at Pittsfield, New Hampshire, June 13, 1868, son of Charles and Mary J. (Lane) Butler. His father was employed in a shoe factory at Pittsfield, and Mr. Butler grew up in that town.

He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Pittsfield, and after having completed his grammar school studies proceeded to the Pittsfield Academy. He completed a full course of study at the academy, and having a natural aptitude for business and commercial subjects, proceeded to Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Manchester, New Hampshire, from which he graduated in April, 1888. After careful consideration he decided to begin his business career at Gardner, Massachusetts, where he was offered an advantageous opening in the dry goods business. He found his connections at Gardner agreeable and maintained his association with the dry goods business for two years, until 1890. In that year, however, he decided to accept a position as bookkeeper with the firm of Heywood Brothers & Company, manufacturers of furniture and baby carriages. The connection then established was destined to endure for the next thirty-one years, and throughout the whole of that long period Mr. Butler's relations with the firm were of the most friendly and agreeable nature. During the early period of his employment with this firm Mr. Butler began studying in

the evenings to better his position, and when this was later discovered by the treasurer, Mr. George H. Heywood, he suggested that Mr. Butler work in the various departments to gain a general knowledge of the business in both the office and the factory, and in 1897 he began this study of the workings of the organization, acquiring a practical knowledge through positions and actual work in the manufacturing and also in the business branches of the concern. Mr. Heywood was always his good friend; they made satisfactory arrangements for the continuance of this plan, which was followed by Mr. Butler until 1912, when his long and faithful services were rewarded by his election to the office of treasurer of the company. This position he was eminently fitted to occupy, and during the next eight years he was the active manager of the Gardner factory. In March, 1920, the office of general factory manager was created and he was selected for the position. In July, 1920, he was transferred to the executive office at Boston, fulfilling the duties of this office in addition to his work as treasurer. In December, 1921, to the great regret of his associates in business, he resigned and thus the long connection between the Heywood-Wakefield Company and himself was brought to an end.

During the next six months Mr. Butler was engaged in attending to various matters of private business, his interests in the business world being by no means confined to his connection with Heywood-Wakefield Company. In July, 1922, he accepted the position of treasurer and director of the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company (q. v) of Leominster, and this position he still holds. The Whitney Company is widely known in Worcester County, and far beyond its confines as one of the most prominent carriage building companies in the State. Founded many years ago, it has from the beginning maintained the highest standards of craftsmanship and has faithfully followed the best traditions of New England business enterprise. By his long experience and thorough knowledge of every phase of office and factory management, Mr. Butler is well suited to the position of treasurer of the company, and his position of treasurer of the company, and his connection therewith seems destined to endure for many years to the mutual advantage of himself and of the company. Keenly interested in business prosperity and social welfare and progress of every description, Mr. Butler, before leaving Gardner had been very active in civic affairs. He was one of the organizers and the first president of the Chamber of Commerce of Gardner, and still retains his membership in that body. He was a member of the Board of Auditors of the town of Gardner for five years; he was also on the Town Advisory Board from 1912 until 1921, when it became a city. During the World War he was active in the drives of the Young Men's Christian Association, and was also chairman of the Public Safety Committee throughout that period. He is a director of the First National Bank of Gardner, which his removal to Leominster has not changed, as it has also not changed his many other business and social connections, although he is taking an active interest also in his present place of residence, being a director of the Merchants' National Bank of Leominster, and a member of the Leominster Club. He is also a member of the Gardner Boat Club, the Wor-

cester Country Club, the Boston City Club, and the Monoosnock Country Club of Leominster, and he is also a stockholder and member of the Monoosnock Sporting Club, a large camp at Rindge, New Hampshire. A Mason of long standing, Mr. Butler belongs to Hope Lodge, Free and Acceptor Masons of Gardner; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; he is a Past High Priest of the chapter and Past Commander of the commandery, and has always been a consistent and vigorous supporter of Masonic principles and ideals. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational church of Gardner. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican. Mr. Butler enjoys all out-of-doors sports generally.

Mr. Butler married (first) Alice J. McGowan, who died September 5, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Butler had one daughter, Marguerite Ruth, born November 15, 1892, and who is Mr. Butler's only child. She was educated in Gardner Grammar School and High School, and took her preparatory course at Cushing Academy, receiving her degree of A. B. in 1916 from Mt. Holyoke College. She married, August 7, 1920, Windsor W. Allen, treasurer of the Frank W. Smith Silver Company of Gardner, and they have one child, Marguerite Allen. Mr. Butler married (second) Anna S. Moore, daughter of William and Ellen E. (Mower) Moore, of Peterboro, New Hampshire, April 27, 1918.

JOHN PATRICK LESLIE, president of the real estate firm of W. H. Leslie & Company, which has been largely instrumental in developing the west side business and residential sections of Leominster, Massachusetts, has had an extremely interesting business career. He was born at North Kingston, Rhode Island, March 27, 1873, son of John and Mary E. (Cronnelly) Leslie. His parents belonged to families that had long been residents at North Kingston, and closely identified with its social and commercial life.

Mr. Leslie received his education in the public schools of Rhode Island. After leaving school various plans presented themselves to him, but he was unable to decide immediately upon a life occupation, and considered that his time would be best spent if he obtained temporary employment that would enable him to acquire a trade and some knowledge of business methods, and, in general, enable him to attain a point of view from which he could survey his prospects and choose an occupation that would suit his abilities. Accordingly, he entered one of the North Kingston cloth mills and began to work as a weaver. Practical experience in the manufacturing of textiles, obtained in this way, gave him expert knowledge of piece goods, and in 1900 he moved to Leominster, where he capitalized his knowledge by setting up a cloth and remnant store. This venture was highly successful and might have attained large development, but the attention of its owner was turned aside to the business of buying and selling real estate. A study of the opportunities which Leominster at that time offered to a man with the vision and capacity to aid in the city's development caused Mr. Leslie to enter into partnership with W. H. Leslie and John T. Cummings, and in connection with these partners he founded the firm of W. H. Leslie & Company, of which he is now president. The first office occupied by the new firm was at

No. 4 Water Street, but the firm moved to the Mayo Block as soon as that building was completed, and have maintained their offices in the same place ever since.

In 1915, owing to the fact that his partners purchased the Reliance Yarn Company of Norwich, Connecticut, as well as the Blackstone Stocking Company of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, practically the entire management of the real estate business devolved upon Mr. Leslie, and his responsibilities in this connection became very heavy. The firm had the misfortune to lose Mr. Cummings, who died April 14, 1918, and in the reorganization of the company that afterwards took place, Mr. Leslie became president, and Mr. W. H. Leslie was appointed to fill the office of treasurer, the firm continuing to be known as W. H. Leslie & Company. Mr. W. H. Leslie is now very actively engaged in the woolen business, and the management of his extensive interests in the manufacturing field is of such a nature that he is no longer able to devote much of his time to the real estate business. A natural sense of property values and ability in the management of real estate have placed Mr. Leslie in the forefront of the business world of Worcester County. He is an exponent of modern methods, and has a very high idea of the duties and responsibilities of property agents, and believes that they should exert a strong influence upon public opinion, to the end that buildings and grounds may be kept in a good state of repair, and town planning and gardening be given attention. His own influence, and his ability to transform a bare subdivision into a neighborhood of real homes, has been making itself felt at Leominster for the past twenty-two years, and he still has many plans for improving the appearance of the city by the addition of new residences and business structures. In religious faith Mr. Leslie is a Catholic, being a prominent member of the congregation of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church, where he takes an active part in the various parochial activities of the church. His recreational vacations he likes to take at the seashore, usually at Narragansett Pier.

On November 24, 1904, he married Elizabeth A. Ward, daughter of Matthew and Ann (McLaughlin) Ward.

ALONZO AMASA BEMIS, one of Worcester County's prominent men in professional, public, and private life, is a descendant of an old and honored English family, emigrants of which came to America and settled in the New England States, where they and their numerous offspring exerted an incalculable influence upon the growth and advancement of their several localities. To-day throughout the New England States are many hundreds who bear this distinguished patronym. The numerous Bemis families of Spencer and of Worcester County, are all descended from Joseph Bemis, the emigrant ancestor, who was born in England in 1619, and came to America while a young man, settling in Watertown, Massachusetts, where he is listed as a planter as early as 1640. He became a town officer and one of Watertown's foremost citizens, his death occurring at that place in 1684. The lineal descent goes from Joseph to John (1), to John (2), to John (3), to Abijah, to John (4), to Samuel, and to Amasa, grandfather of Alonzo Amasa Bemis.

Amasa Bemis was born in Spencer, February 25, 1831,

and married Laura Pike, a native of Brookfield, and they were the parents of Edwin Amasa Bemis, through whom the line continues. Edwin Amasa Bemis, the father of Alonzo Amasa Bemis, of whom this biographical record, was born on December 25, 1824, at Spencer, Massachusetts, where he spent his long life as an agriculturist, and where he died on November 27, 1887. He was married, at Spencer, in 1847, to Julia Draper Watson, who was born at Leicester on July 15, 1826, a daughter of Robert Watson, who was a descendant of an old Scotch family that at an early date emigrated to America, settling at Leicester, where scions of that patronym later became of great influence and importance. Julia Draper (Watson) Bemis survived her husband until 1908. To Edwin Amasa and Julia Draper (Watson) Bemis were born eleven children, two girls and nine boys.

Alonzo Amasa Bemis, the ninth child of Edwin Amasa and Julia Draper (Watson) Bemis, and a representative of the tenth generation of the Bemis family in America, was born at Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on May 2, 1864. His early education was obtained in the local public schools, following which he entered high school. In 1885 he matriculated in the Dental Department of the University of Maryland, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1887, receiving the degree of D. D. S. After two years of study with Dr. A. A. Howland, of Worcester, before graduation, he engaged in the practice of his profession in West Brookfield, where he remained for three years. He then returned to his native city, where he opened offices and built up a large clientage, practising with steadily increasing success in the same suite of offices for a period of thirty-six years. Recently Dr. Bemis has removed his office to a new block, built expressly by him for his dental practice, and here he continues in a profession in which he has no peer in his native county.

Politically Dr. Bemis gives his hearty support and co-operation to the Republican party. He is a trustee of the Sugden Library, the Sugden Block, and of the Bemis Memorial Park Association, and a member of the Massachusetts Dental Society. His religious affiliation is given to the Congregational church, of which body he is a sincere member and an earnest worker.

Dr. Bemis married (first), October 4, 1887, Nellie M. Thayer, daughter of Clarke and Nancy Thayer, of Natick, Massachusetts. She died December 15, 1907, and Dr. Bemis married (second), April 8, 1911, Maud Etta Varney, daughter of Arthur W. and Cora L. (Baker) Varney, of Hermon, Maine.

Some years ago Dr. Bemis undertook the arduous task of compiling a complete and comprehensive genealogy of the Bemis family, which, with the able assistance of his mother, he brought to a successful completion. This genealogy to-day stands as an invaluable historical record of a family whose members were protagonists in the upbuilding and advancement of the early colonies. Alonzo Amasa Bemis maintains his residence at No. 12 High Street, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH BURNETT—Every community owes much to those who have lived and worked and contributed their share to the general welfare and have then passed

on to the "larger life," leaving behind them the foundations upon which others of later generations continue to build. Among those who, during an active life, founded business enterprises which are still growing, was the late Joseph Burnett, who for many years was well known in Boston and Southboro, Massachusetts, as the founder and developer of the firm of Joseph Burnett & Company, later known as the Joseph Burnett Company of Boston.

The Burnett family is one of the oldest in New England, having been established there by Robert Burnett, who came to Dorchester in 1638. He located at Lynn Meadows, now known as Reading, in 1701. Benjamin Burnett, a son of the immigrant, located in Hopkinton, and their grandson, Charles Ripley Burnett, married Lavinia Matthews, of Southboro, since which time this branch of the Burnett family has been identified with that town. Charles Ripley Burnett's brother, Dr. Joel Burnett, was a graduate of Harvard Medical School, and was the first to announce the theory of the transmission of disease by means of germs. In his research along that line he was assisted by his son, Waldo; but they were so far in advance of their time that the idea, now almost universally accepted, was then derided.

Joseph Burnett, son of Charles Ripley and Lavinia (Matthews) Burnett, was born in Southboro, Massachusetts, November 11, 1820, and died in Southboro, August 11, 1894. He received his early education in the district schools of his native town, and afterward pursued the higher English branches and Latin in the Worcester schools. He grew up on the farm where his father had settled, and when school days were over apprenticed himself to a druggist in Worcester, named Spurr. When he was seventeen years of age, seeking a wider field for his energies, he went to Boston and entered the employ of the famous druggist, Theodore Metcalf. His energy and ability as well as the knowledge gained in the Worcester pharmacy enabled him to render valuable service, and he was made a partner in the business. In 1854 he sold his interest back to Mr. Metcalf, and began business for himself as a manufacturing chemist, locating on Central Street, in Boston. That enterprise has become one of the largest extract manufacturing concerns in the world. At that time flavoring extracts were made by druggists, and Mr. Burnett was the first to manufacture extracts on a commercial scale in the United States. His first place of business was a small space in a building on Central Street, Boston. The business grew steadily and more space was added, until in 1893 larger quarters were rented on India Street. There Mr. Burnett continued to develop a steadily growing enterprise as long as he lived. The present plant, which is the last word in modern construction and equipment, was built about 1920 by his son, Harry Burnett (q. v.).

Mr. Burnett's Southboro home, where his summers were spent as long as he lived, and his winters until 1875, when he first occupied his Beacon Street residence in Boston, was the Deerfoot mansion, which he built about 1850. He eventually became the owner of an estate in Southboro of five hundred acres, which gave employment to many. When Joseph Burnett first went to work in Boston, Southboro had no railroad facilities, and it was necessary for him to travel from Southboro to Marlboro by stage. At

the time of his death he was probably the oldest commuter on the line. Outside his business and his family Joseph Burnett's chief interest was the town of Southboro. He was the founder of Deerfoot Farm, and imported one of the first herds of thoroughbred Jersey cattle brought to America. That was in 1854. He was much interested in religious work and education. He founded St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and after conferring with Dr. Coit, of St. Paul's School, of Concord, New Hampshire, who heartily approved of the idea and gave the assistance of his advice and experience, Mr. Burnett founded St. Mark's School at Southboro, an institution that has not only accomplished much in giving splendid preparatory training to boys but has done much to spread abroad the fair fame of the town of Southboro. In 1878 and 1879 he was president of the Boston Druggists' Association. In 1865-66 he was president of the Middlesex South Agricultural Society. He was also one of the fifty members of the Commercial Club of Boston, a body representing, as has been well said, the "old school of merchants, renowned for their integrity and conservatism, honored by all men." Originally a Daniel Webster Whig, Mr. Burnett in his later years was a firm friend and supporter of President Grover Cleveland. He never sought office, but was sometimes induced to accept a position of public trust, the duties of which he failed not to discharge with ability and faithfulness. Appointed as Prison Commissioner by Governor Rice, he was chairman of that body while in charge of the erection of the Women's Reformatory at Sherborn. In Southboro he served for a time on the School Board, as Road Commissioner, and as chairman of the Building Committee of the town hall. A zealous churchman, formerly a vestryman of the Church of the Advent in Boston, St. John's Church of Framingham, and of St. Paul's of Hopkinton, Mr. Burnett at the time of his departure from this life was senior warden of St. Mark's Parish, Southboro, of which he was one of the founders in 1860. The stone church was given by him to the parish in 1862. The death of Mr. Burnett, which occurred on August 11, 1894, was caused by an accident while he was out driving. Sincere sorrow was felt by all who had known him. Habitually considerate of others, sweet-tempered, courteous, and kindly, Mr. Burnett had won the regard of many friends. In Southboro his loss was felt as a public calamity. On Wednesday, August 15, at St. Mark's Church, at 10:30 A. M., the impressive funeral rites were conducted by Bishop Lawrence, assisted by the Rev. G. S. Converse, D. D., and the Rev. A. St. John Chambré, archdeacons. Sorrowing kindred and friends filled the church to overflowing; conspicuous among the mourners being some who had been his employees for thirty years.

Joseph Burnett married, in 1848, Josephine Cutter, daughter of Edward and Ruth (Torrey) Cutter, of Boston, Massachusetts, and they were the parents of twelve children.

Robert Manton Burnett, son of Joseph and Josephine (Cutter) Burnett, who with his brother, Harry, conducts the manufacturing business of the Joseph Burnett Company, and is also the head of Deerfoot Farm. Deerfoot Farm comprises about one thousand acres, and is in every respect a model farm. By example and precept Mr. Burnett has probably done more to raise

the standard of farming and dairying in Southboro and vicinity than any other individual. The farm has business connections with one hundred and twenty other farms, and for thirty-five years Mr. Burnett has been long helping farmers to get fair prices for their products. He has for some years taken a prominent part in State politics and has served as chairman of the Democratic State Committee. He is treasurer and director of the Deerfoot Farm Company, and a member of the board of directors of the Boston "Herald," Incorporated, of the Boston and Maine Railroad, and of the Eastern Advertising Agency. His home is in Southboro, Massachusetts.

Harry Burnett, son of Joseph and Josephine (Cutter) Burnett, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, December 1, 1850. His education was begun in the local schools of his birthplace, and he was graduated from St. Mark's Preparatory School, class of 1869. Thereafter entering Harvard University, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1873, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Upon the completion of his studies, Mr. Burnett associated himself with his father, who was then at the head of the firm of Joseph Burnett & Company, manufacturing chemists of Boston, and has been connected with this concern ever since. He has now for many years been treasurer and general manager of the enterprise, and has been a definite influence in the development and expansion of the business to its present great proportion. The concern manufactures flavoring extracts of every kind, coloring pastes, and other articles in this same general class for culinary purposes. In various avenues of advance Mr. Burnett is broadly influential, especially in those organized efforts which count for the welfare or security of the people. He is manager of the Massachusetts Hospital and treasurer of St. Mark's School of Southboro, a position which he has held since the year 1894; and is affiliated unofficially with many other organizations, being also treasurer of St. Paul's Cathedral. He is a member of the Harvard and Tavern clubs, and of the Somerset Club of Boston, Massachusetts.

STANLEY H. WHEELOCK—The Wheelock family of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, of which Stanley H. Wheelock is representative, have, since the time of Jerry Wheelock, of the sixth generation, been residents of Uxbridge, and identified with woolen manufacturing. Jerry Wheelock was a member of the firm of Daniel Day & Company. Daniel Day the builder, in 1810, of the first woolen mill in the vicinity of Uxbridge. Jerry Wheelock retired in 1846, and was succeeded by his son, Silas Mandeville Wheelock, who for sixty years was connected with woolen manufacturing companies. He, in turn, was succeeded by his sons, one of them, Arthur Wheelock, whose life has likewise been spent in woolen manufacturing in official position. To the business followed by his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather came Stanley H. Wheelock, from the modern training of The Lowell Textile School, and in turn he has taken a leading position in the textile trade as secretary-treasurer of The Stanley Woolen Company of Uxbridge.

The family is traced in England back into the centuries to the founding of the village of Wheelock, to



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which village in 1285 Hugh de Wheelock secured from Robert Manning all claim to the village. To this estate Thomas de Wheelock later succeeded, and was made Lord of Wheelock Manor. The Wheelock Coat of Arms is as follows:

Arms—Argent, a chevron between three catharine-wheels sable.

In the early days there was a marriage between the Wheelocks and the Leversages, and the two families have since been associated in the village of Wheelock. The Leverage arms are as follows:

Arms—Argent, a chevron between three plough-shares sable.

Crest—A leopard's head, face jessant a fleur-de-lis.

(I.) The American ancestor, Ralph Wheelock, was born in Shropshire, England, in 1600, and died in Medford Massachusetts, in November, 1683. He was a graduate of Cambridge, A. M., 1631, and was ordained a clergyman of the Church of England. He, however, became a non-conformist, and in 1637, with his wife, Rebecca, and his daughter, came to New England, locating first in Watertown, going thence to Dedham, and there founded, with others, the town and church. He was admitted a freeman of Dedham on March 13, 1638, served as Selectman, 1651-1655; and for several years sat in the General Court as a Deputy from Dedham. Ralph Wheelock, a man learned, devout, unselfish, and practical, opened and taught the first public school in Dedham in 1655. He was also a commissioner to end causes; a local Magistrate, and had authority "to join persons in marriage." He built a house in Dedham in 1652, but became one of the founders of Medfield in 1649, and several years later moved there, building his home at the corner of North and High streets. He was one of the signers of the famous "Dedham Covenant," was on a committee to solicit funds for Harvard College, and held various positions of honor and trust. He never resumed preaching after coming to New England, but taught school all of his active years, except the two that he served as a member of the General Court. Descent in this line is through Benjamin Wheelock, third son of Ralph and Rebecca Wheelock.

(II.) Benjamin Wheelock, son of Ralph and Rebecca Wheelock, was born in Dedham, Massachusetts, January 8, 1639-40, but his youth was largely spent in Medfield. He settled in Mendon in 1685, and there died. He married, in 1688, Elizabeth Bullen, and they were the parents of Benjamin, second of their sons, of further mention.

(III.) Benjamin Wheelock, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Bullen) Wheelock, was born in Medfield, Massachusetts, in 1678, and died in Mendon, Massachusetts having been a farmer of Mendon all his active life. He married, December 9, 1700, Huldah Thayer, and they were the parents of eight children, the seventh a son, Silas, of further mention.

(IV.) Silas Wheelock, son of Benjamin and Huldah (Thayer) Wheelock, was born in Mendon, Massachusetts, in March, 1718, and there spent his life. He married, May 20, 1740, Hannah Albee. Their children numbered ten, their first born a son, Simeon, of further mention.

(V.) Simeon Wheelock, son of Silas and Hannah

(Albee) Wheelock, was born in Mendon, Massachusetts, March 29, 1741. He served as a soldier in the French War of 1760, being orderly to Colonel Christopher Harris, of a Rhode Island regiment, stationed at Crown Point. In 1763 he settled in Uxbridge, Massachusetts; was on the Uxbridge Committee of Safety and Correspondence in 1774; and marched with the "minute-men" of Uxbridge on the "Lexington Alarm," April 19, 1775, as first lieutenant of Captain Joseph Chapin's company and remained in active service afterwards. He joined the government in suppressing Shay's Rebellion, and was in business in Uxbridge as a blacksmith, his shop said to have been opposite his house in Uxbridge, about where the Academy stands. In 1773-1777 he was Town Clerk. Shortly before his death he sold his house in the village and moved to a larger house three miles away. He died in Springfield, Massachusetts, during Shay's Rebellion, in September, 1786, his death caused by a fall while ascending Arsenal Hill. He married, November 28, 1763, Deborah Thayer, of Mendon, a descendant of Ferdinando Thayer, one of the pioneers. Lieutenant Wheelock left a wife and eight children, descent following through the youngest child, Jerry Wheelock, the founder of woolen manufacturing in the family, of further mention.

(VI.) Jerry Wheelock, son of Simeon and Deborah (Thayer) Wheelock, was born in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, September 19, 1784, and there died, after a long illness, October 10, 1861. He was but two years of age when his father died, leaving his family in straitened circumstances, but with a well educated, capable mother, who kept her family together and educated them herself to a large extent. The lad, Jerry Wheelock, learned a trade now superseded by machinery, later learned wood turning, made spools and bobbins, and later made chairs. In 1810 the first woolen mill came to Uxbridge, and in 1811 machinery was installed and set in motion by Daniel Day, the owner and builder. Jerry Wheelock became interested in this mill, and being a son-in-law of the founder, was admitted a partner in the firm of Daniel Day & Company. Mr. Wheelock was a natural mechanic, preferring to build a machine to operating them, so after a few years engaged in manufacturing he retired from the company and engaged as an "erector" with Arthur Dryden, of Holden, a manufacturer of wool carding machines. In 1814 the Rivulet Manufacturing Company was organized at Uxbridge, Jerry Wheelock a shareholder, mechanical engineer, and mill superintendent during the first four years of its existence. In 1818 he began to build woolen mill machinery under his own name and continued a successful maker of machinery until 1834. He invented many devices and improvements in woolen mill machines and established the highest reputation for excellence in workmanship and material, many mills placing their plants under his care to be kept in repair so far as machinery was involved. He became widely known throughout New York and New England, but after 1834 he retired from manufacturing machinery and entered into partnership with his sons to make woolens. This continued until 1846, when he retired and spent the last fifteen years of his life free from business cares, but was practically an invalid for several years. He held many positions of trust that were faithfully executed, and he was one of

the men who wrought mightily for the upbuilding of Uxbridge.

Jerry Wheelock married, January 24, 1811, Suky Day, daughter of Daniel and Sylvia (Wheelock) Day, of Uxbridge. They were the parents of six children, the third a son, Silas Mandeville, of further mention.

(VII.) Silas Mandeville Wheelock was born at Uxbridge, Massachusetts, November 11, 1817, and died at his home in Uxbridge October 18, 1901. His attendance at the district school winter and summer terms gave him twenty weeks of schooling each year, and this was later supplemented by a few terms at private school. At the age of nine he began at that child's job, "piecing rolls for the billy," earning fourteen cents daily. From that age until his retirement sixty years later, he was almost constantly engaged in some form of work connected with the manufacture of woollens. He learned the business thoroughly in the old-fashioned way; was superintendent of some mill departments; was manager; agent; and at one time managed the wool department of commission houses in New York and Boston. In 1846, when his father retired, Charles A. and Silas M. Wheelock formed the firm C. A. & S. M. Wheelock, and manufactured satinets, plaid linseys, and tweeds. They prospered, and the business is yet carried on in the family. In 1870 Silas M. Wheelock bought the plant of the Harris Woolen Company at Putnam, Connecticut, of which he became treasurer and manager. This became a very profitable plant, but owing to his other interests Mr. Wheelock, in 1887, retired from its management.

In 1883 he bought the Central Mill in Uxbridge, and formed The Calumet Woolen Company to operate that extensive plant. In 1886 that company bought the Uxbridge Woolen factory (now the Hecla Mill), which they operated in connection with the Calumet Mill until 1905. From 1846 until 1891, Mr. Wheelock was owner of Waucantuck Mills, as the plant of the C. A. & S. M. Wheelock Company was called. For over sixty years Mr. Wheelock was connected with woolen companies and always proved himself a wise and resourceful manager. Every debt he contracted he paid, and though conservative, he never lacked courage to follow his judgment in entering into new enterprises or in meeting emergencies. He held the good will and respect of his men, and was highly regarded as a business man and a citizen. For forty-three years, 1858-1901, he was a director of the Blackstone National Bank.

Mr. Wheelock was originally a Whig in politics, and voted for William Henry Harrison and for Henry Clay for President. He joined in the movement that brought the Republican party into being; served Uxbridge as Selectman for three years; and represented the Second Worcester Senatorial District in the Massachusetts Legislature, 1888 and 1889. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1900, held at Philadelphia, that nominated William McKinley for the Presidency. He was a member of the First Congregational Church and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding all chairs of the local lodge.

Silas M. Wheelock married, May 5, 1841, Irene Taft, born in Uxbridge, September 19, 1816, died January 26, 1900, a woman of strong religious faith and character. She was a daughter of Luke Taft, son of James, son of

Moses, son of Captain Joseph, son of Robert Taft, the ancestor of the family in New England. Silas M. and Irene (Taft) Wheelock celebrated their golden wedding day, and nine years later the wife passed away, followed the next year by her husband, he dying at his home in Wheelockville, Uxbridge, October 18, 1901, in his eighty-fourth year. They are buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Uxbridge. They were the parents of five children: 1. Ellen Maria, born September 2, 1842, died in 1871, wife of Eben B. Haywood. 2. Eugene Augustus, born February 15, 1846, a manufacturer of woollens; married Sarah Smith Taft. 3. Alice Augusta, born January 22, 1849, died in September, 1891, wife of Henry R. Smith. 4. Arthur, of further mention. 5. Henry, born January 14, 1857, died November 13, 1881, a woolen manufacturer. He married, November 3, 1880, Jennie G. Taft.

(VIII.) Arthur Wheelock, son of Silas M. and Irene (Taft) Wheelock, was born in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, March 26, 1851, and there resides (1923). He was educated in Uxbridge grammar and high schools and at Wilbraham Academy. He began business life at the age of seventeen, with the firm of C. A. & S. M. Wheelock, continuing as bookkeeper and assistant buyer until 1883, when he became agent and a director of the Calumet Woolen Company, and succeeded his father as treasurer in 1889. In 1905 he liquidated the Calumet Woolen Company and bought their Calumet Mill, and the same year he organized the Stanley Woolen Company, and has been president of same since that time. He is now president of the Putnam Woolen Company; vice-president and director of the Blackstone National Bank; life trustee of the Uxbridge Savings Bank, and a trustee of the Prospect Hill Cemetery Corporation. He was a promoter and first president of the Uxbridge and Northbridge Electric Company; and is a life trustee of the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

In politics Mr. Wheelock is a life-long Republican; an ex-director of the Home Market Club of Boston, and is an ex-Selectman and School Committeeman. His fraternal order is the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he being a Past Grand. His religious faith is Unitarian, and for half a century he has been a member of the Uxbridge church.

Arthur Wheelock married (first), October 15, 1873, Emogene Atchinson, born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, died in Uxbridge, April 12, 1898, daughter of Daniel Atchinson. Mr. Wheelock married (second), June 12, 1900, Harriet E. Fuller, of Springfield, Massachusetts. To Arthur and Emogene (Atchinson) Wheelock two children were born: 1. Stanley H., of further mention. 2. Anne, a graduate of Uxbridge High School, the Burnham School of Northampton, and Smith College. She married Donald G. Robbins, of Springfield. She died October 5, 1918, leaving two children: Donald G., Jr., and Arthur W.

(IX.) Stanley H. Wheelock son of Arthur and Emogene (Atchinson) Wheelock, was born in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, July 15, 1879, and there resides (1923), fourth of his name in direct line to bear prominent part in woolen manufacture in Uxbridge. After public school study he finished college preparations at Phillips Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, graduating in 1898, and passing thence to Williams College, and there receiving his A. B. with the class of 1902. He then pur-

sued a technical course at Lowell Textile School, preparatory to entering the family business, finishing with graduation in 1905 and completing the three-year course in two years.

During these educational years he had the advantage of association with his father in his textile manufacturing concern, which fact made his course through textile school both easier and more valuable to him. In 1905 the Stanley Woolen Company was organized by Arthur Wheelock and his son, Stanley H., and with this corporation both are yet connected, Stanley H. Wheelock, the present secretary-treasurer and a member of the directorate. The Stanley Mill has the distinction of being the first American mill to manufacture domestic woollens for men's wear. Mr. Wheelock is also a trustee of The Uxbridge Savings Bank.

Like his father and grandfather, Stanley H. Wheelock is a Republican in politics, and has for five or six years been a member of the State Republican Committee. He served as a member of the Town Republican Committee for many years, a large part of the time as secretary; has been for several years a trustee of the Uxbridge Free Public Library; and for three years president of the board and therefore a member *ex officio* of the Taft Memorial Park Association. He has been a member of the Uxbridge School Commission for a number of years. He is a member of King Solomon's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Uxbridge Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand; the Williams Club of New York, and the Tatnuck Country Club of Worcester. He is also a member and acting president of the Worcester County Manufacturers' Textile Association, and one of the directors of the Blackstone Valley Agricultural Society for many years.

During the World War he served as chairman of the local Food Conservation Commission and also served on the Public Safety Commission, and had charge of several of the war drives for funds, including the Young Men's Christian Association, and had charge of the Red Cross and Salvation Army drives, and served on the Liberty Loan committees.

Stanley H. Wheelock married, December 18, 1915, Harriet F. Tobey, born September 13, 1887, daughter of Walter and Mary (Baber) Tobey, both her parents born in New York State. Mr. and Mrs. Wheelock are the parents of three sons: 1. Philip Stanley, born in Boston, August 31, 1916. 2. Arthur Kingsland, born in Boston, September 19, 1918. 3. Walter Tobey, born in Boston, July 4, 1923. The family home is in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, a town to which the Revolutionary ancestor, Lieutenant Simeon Wheelock led the Wheelocks in 1763.

C. BERTRAM GAY, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, eminently successful in his chosen calling and prominent in all endeavors for community and benevolent advance, is a broadly representative figure in the professional world of Worcester County. Coming of old New England stock, he is a son of Henry Gordon Gay, who was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, and was a widely known clergyman of the Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Gay was a graduate of Brown University, of the class of 1865, and served in the Civil War as a member of the 26th

Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered out of the service with the rank of second lieutenant. He became one of the widely prominent ministers of the Massachusetts Conference, a man revered and loved by all that knew him and a force for good in every field in which he labored. He died in April, 1917, in the eighty-second year of his age. Rev. Mr. Gay married Hattie A. Marshall, who was born at Hudson, New Hampshire, and died in August, 1917, at the age of seventy-six years.

Dr. Gay was born at Hudson, Massachusetts, February 5, 1873. His education was begun in the public schools of Southboro, Massachusetts, and he was graduated from Peter's High School in the class of 1890. Subsequently entering Worcester Academy as a junior of the class of 1892, he was graduated from that institution, then later covered his pre-medical studies in a two years' course at Brown University. Finally entering the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1899. Meanwhile, in June, 1898, Dr. Gay enlisted in the Medical Corps of the United States Army for service in the Spanish-American War and was active in this connection until the following October, when he resumed his medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania. In the autumn following his graduation from medical school, Dr. Gay entered Rhode Island Hospital, at Providence, as a surgical interne, and was thus engaged until the summer of 1900. He was later made assistant physician at the Butler Hospital of Providence, an institution for the treatment of nervous and mental diseases. For four years he filled this important position, then in 1904 came to Fitchburg and entered upon the private practice of his profession. Beginning along general lines of medicine and surgery Dr. Gay has placed himself very high in the ranks of the profession, and has won extensive fame as a surgeon. For the past nine years he has been a member of the surgical staff of the Burbank Hospital of Fitchburg, and now handles scarcely any except surgical cases. Dr. Gay is a member of the Fitchburg Medical Society, of which he was formerly president; a member of the Worcester North District Medical Society, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, a life member of the Rhode Island State Medical Society, and a member of the American Medical Association. He is further a member and vice-president of the Clinical and Surgical Association of Massachusetts. In civic and other progressive activities of a local nature Dr. Gay takes a leading part. He served as President of the Common Council of Fitchburg during 1915 and 1916, and was for three years a member of that body. For many years he has been active in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and for the past three years has served that organization as president. He is a member of Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fitchburg; the Masonic Club; the Fay Club, of which he was elected president in 1922, and now (1923) is still serving in that office, and is also a member of the Oakhill Country Club. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Fitchburg.

Dr. Gay married, on July 3, 1917, Mettie Estella Holder of Lenoir, North Carolina, and they have two children: Gwendolyn and Lorene Maude.

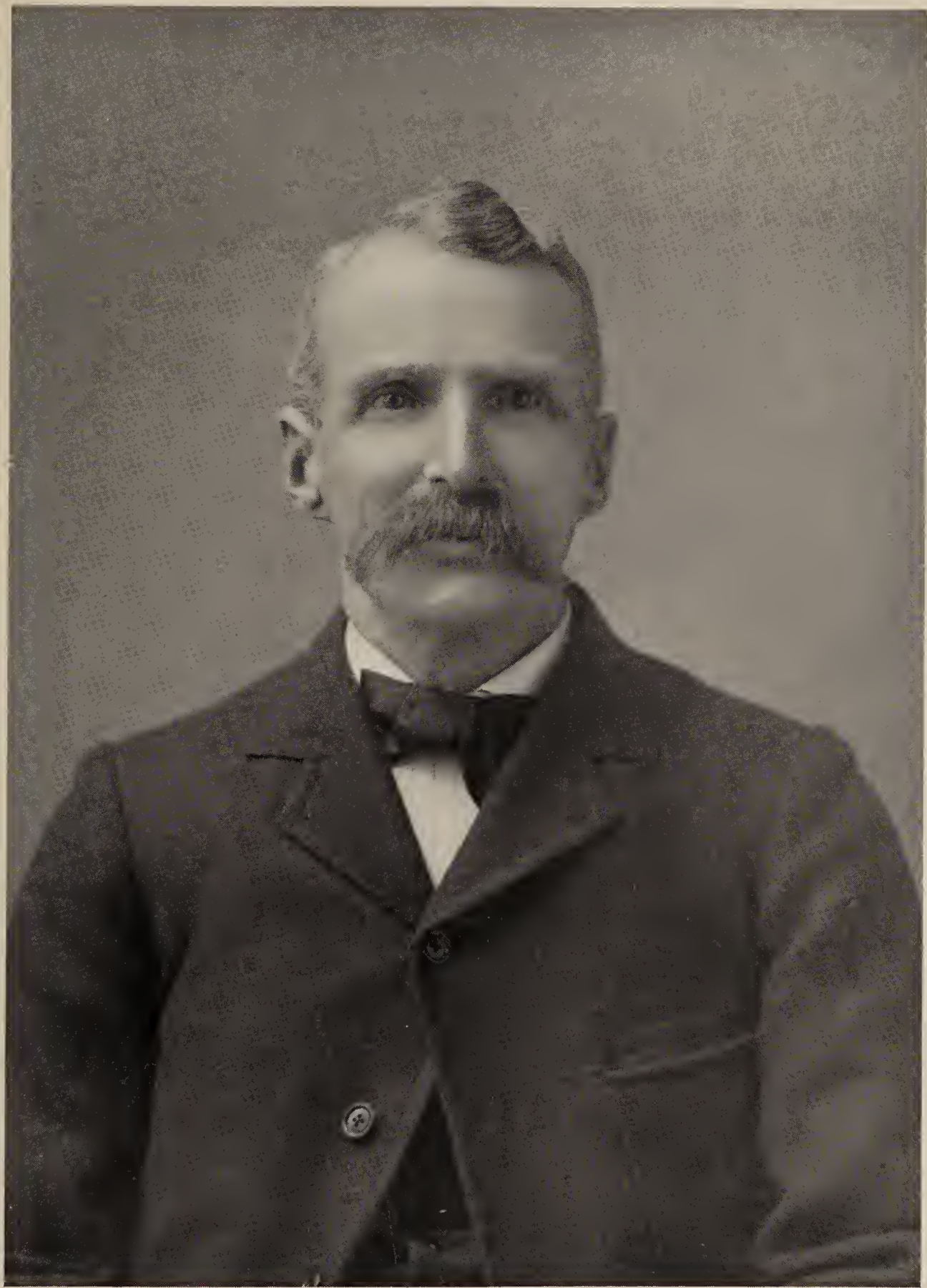
HON. WILFRID J. LAMOUREUX—In a very practical line of mercantile endeavor, Wilfrid J. Lamoureux is winning large success in Southbridge, Massachusetts, and in his progress is definitely contributing to the public welfare. Mr. Lamoureux is a native of this community, a son of George J. Lamoureux, who was born at St. Ours, Canada, and was engaged as a carpenter until his death. He came to Southbridge as a young man and became one of the prominent citizens of this community, serving as Overseer of the Poor for a period of eleven years and bearing a worthy part in all forward movements until his death, which occurred in 1908. The mother, Domitilde (Bourdeau) Lamoureux, was born at Leicester, Massachusetts, and died in 1906.

Wilfrid J. Lamoureux was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, December 13, 1869. His education was begun in the local public schools, and as a young man he attended Grand Seminary, at Montreal, and also St. Joseph's Academy, at Watertown, New York. Upon the completion of his education Mr. Lamoureux returned to Worcester County, Massachusetts, and for about six years he was employed by the American Optical Company of Southbridge. Then in the year 1900 he purchased the business formerly owned and conducted by Charles S. Ayers, who carried on a house furnishing business. Mr. Lamoureux has been at the head of this interest continuously since and has developed it extensively, adding new lines of stock from time to time, and in every way keeping step with the advance of the moment in his general field. With headquarters at No. 86 Main Street, he now has one of the foremost enterprises of its kind in this section, and especially in the furniture department is doing a very extensive and lucrative business. Mr. Lamoureux is a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce, and is one of the foremost figures in civic advance in this community. From his majority a supporter of the Democratic party and a worker in its ranks, Mr. Lamoureux has served in many public offices of large responsibility. He was first made a member of the Democratic Town Committee in the year 1908 and has served on that body continuously since, acting as chairman of the committee for four years. Since the year 1911 he has been a Selectman of the town and its chairman since 1913, and for nine years he has acted as Sewer Commissioner. Serving on the Finance Committee for twelve years, he has acted as chairman for one-half of the time, and for six years has been a member of the Library Committee. These local offices, however, are only a part of the public service which has given Mr. Lamoureux a leading position in the community. In the year 1909 he was elected to the Massachusetts State Legislature and served through two successive years, 1910-11, inclusive, and again in 1918-19 served this community as representative to the same body. His work as a legislator was marked with many constructive phases, and while he did much for his home community and this general section, he nevertheless gave his best efforts to those interests which affected the welfare of the entire Commonwealth. In the year 1920 Mr. Lamoureux was sent as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco. In all his public service he has displayed the breadth of mental vision and the progressive-

ness of spirit which count for permanent well-being in the community and the State. Mr. Lamoureux has done much for Southbridge in various ways, particularly in encouraging those institutions which give the people an opportunity to plan for their future and establish themselves in positions of dignity and responsibility. He was one of the founders and was the first president of the Southbridge Coöperative Bank, and was one of the incorporators and is still a director of the People's National Bank. He has served as Notary Public for twenty-seven years. Fraternally Mr. Lamoureux is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus; the Catholic Order of Foresters, of which organization he is at the present time (1923) State Treasurer; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; the Improved Order of Red Men; and the Societe St. Jean de Baptiste. He is also a member of the Circle Canadien, and attends the Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Lamoureux married, on October 1, 1894, Georgiana Berthiaume, who was born at Southbridge, and they are the parents of two children: Leo G., who was born August 22, 1895, served in the United States Army during the World War as a member of the Military Police, and married Mabel Nichols, of Brimfield; and Annette L., born on February 2, 1898, married Wilfrid C. Granger, D. D. S., of Worcester, and has one son, Wilfrid Richard, born December 23, 1922.

CHESTER B. KENDALL, in the commercial activities of the city of Gardner, Massachusetts, is a figure of more than usual prominence, standing at the head of a long established coal and ice business, and although more than four score years have passed since his birth, he is still active in the management of this interest and alert to the progress of the times, and is found at his desk every day. Mr. Kendall is a son of Cruso and Minerva (Gates) Kendall, both natives of Hubbardston, Massachusetts. Cruso Kendall was during his lifetime engaged in the manufacture of churns in Hubbardston, but was cut down in the flower of his manhood, when the subject of this sketch was only an infant. The mother subsequently married Silas Joslin, but is long since deceased. Chester B. Kendall was born at Hubbardston, Massachusetts, October 18, 1842. His education was acquired in the graded schools of that community and his stepfather being a man of humble means the boy was compelled to leave school at an early age and to provide for his own needs. He worked in Hubbardston for a time at such odd jobs as he could secure, then, in 1861, at the breaking out of the Civil War, he came to Gardner and secured a position in the chair factory of Derby & Knowlton. About a year and a half later he changed to the plant of Wright & Moore, with which firm he remained for about four years. Then with this experience behind him and little more than his own courage and faith in himself, Mr. Kendall struck out for himself, buying and operating a stage and express line between Gardner and Hubbardston. This interest he operated successfully for about eight years, its operation meaning much to the communities along the route, before the present day of easy and convenient transportation. Meanwhile, in 1872, Mr. Kendall established his present coal and ice business, beginning in a small way, with one horse and wagon. He



Chester B Kendall

peddled ice three days in the week, handling some three hundred tons during the first summer. This in comparison with his present business gives a clear idea of its growth, as in the year just passed he sold at retail some 5,000 tons and wholesaled fully 15,000 tons of ice. Mr. Kendall recently bought out the coal concern long known under the firm name of the Osgood & Son Coal Company. He had for some years handled from 10,000 to 15,000 tons of coal annually, but now his output is greatly increased. The Osgood interests comprise one of the oldest coal concerns in Worcester County, and the merger has placed under Mr. Kendall's immediate direction a very extensive business. Mr. Kendall is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and in all civic affairs lends his influence to the promotion of the public good. He served for seven years as a member of the Board of Selectmen of Gardner, his period of activity in this connection extending from the year 1884 to 1891. Fraternally he is identified with William Ellison Lodge, No. 185, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Noble Grand; and is also a member of the Rebekahs.

Mr. Kendall married, on December 28, 1869, Josephine Morse, of Hubbardston, and they have three children: 1. Florence E., at home. 2. Harry S., who married Marion Mason, of Baldwinville, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: Chester M. and Donald W. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Gardner; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Gardner; the Gardner Boat Club, Gardner Chamber of Commerce, Oak Hill Country Club, and the Ridgley Club. 3. Ernest L., who married Linnie Searls, of Templeton, Massachusetts, and they have a son, Richard Searls. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Gardner Boat Club, and the Gardner Chamber of Commerce. Both sons, Harry S. and Ernest L., are managing the business under the firm name of C. B. Kendall Company. The family attends the Unitarian church, of which Mrs. Kendall is a member.

JOHN WHEELDON, general manager of the Wickwire Spencer Steel Corporation of Worcester, Massachusetts, was born in Manchester, England, September 16, 1875, son of Edward and Martha (Cartwright) Wheeldon, the former of whom was a native of Buxton, Derbyshire, and the latter of whom was born in Manchester, England. The father became a skilled steel roller, and was one of the three men sent to America by Bedson, the machinery manufacturer of Manchester, to install the first continuous rod mill in America for the Washburn-Moen Company of Worcester, Massachusetts. That was in 1876. Mr. Wheeldon came under a two-year contract to install and start the operation of the plant, and when the term of his contract had expired he was prevailed upon to continue with the firm, and accordingly he sent for his wife and family to join him. He continued with the Washburn-Moen Company and their successor, the American Steel and Wire Company, until his death, in 1904. He was a member of the Sons of Saint George of Worcester, the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Manchester.

John Wheeldon was educated in the grammar and

high schools of Worcester, and at the age of fourteen years went to work in the rolling mill of the Washburn-Moen Company, but though his school training ended at that time, his education has been continued throughout his career. Mr. Wheeldon very modestly disclaims possession of more than a common school education, but one who has followed his career closely for years is authority for the statement that he was born a student, and that since leaving school down to and including the present time there never has been an extended period when he was not devoting a share of his spare time to serious study. And this must be true, for he could not, without a well-trained mind and a store of knowledge outside the practical and technical details of his business, meet all the varied requirements of an executive position of such importance as the one which he ably fills. Mr. Wheeldon's career offers inspiration to any aspiring lad, for he has won his way to the top by his own unaided efforts, and in doing so has had to overcome disadvantages and obstacles such as few of the youth of the present day are called upon to face. For instance, when he went to work in the mill his working day was twelve hours and his compensation five cents an hour. Later, we find him in the roll shop, turning rolls and working his way up until he became roll designer at the South Works of the American Steel and Wire Company. He was made boss roll turner in 1897, and after he had been in that position about a year he was put in charge of the 34-inch blooming mill as foreman. This was practically a new mill and he started it in operation. After about two years he was made night superintendent and continued in that position for some five years. He was then (1907) sent to New Haven, Connecticut, to establish the company's plant there. A year later he was brought back to Worcester and made superintendent of the North Works of the company. After two years he was sent to Cleveland to build up the company's Cuyahoga plant there, and continued in charge for five and a half years. He was then recalled to Worcester and made superintendent of the company's South Works plant—the very mill in which, as a boy, he had begun his career, sweeping floors and carrying water. After a year in that position he resigned to accept the general managership of the Elyria Iron and Steel Company of Cleveland, Ohio. He was in that position when the United States entered the World War, and after having spent about one and a half years at Cleveland, he resigned to take charge of the transportation of freight for the United States Government at Yorktown, Virginia. In 1919 he entered the employ of the Spencer Wire Company on special work, and on March 1 of that year was appointed general superintendent of the Spencer Wire Company, in charge of the Webster Street works and of the Wire Village plant at Spencer. In November, 1919, Mr. Wheeldon was made superintendent of the Clinton Wright Company, which was formed by merging the Spencer Wire Company's properties, the American Spring Company's properties, the National Wire Company, the Wright Wire Company, and the Clinton Wire Cloth Company of Clinton, and he served in that official capacity until August, 1922, when he was made general manager of the Wickwire Spencer Steel Corporation, the Wickwire interests having come into the combination

about 1920. Mr. Wheeldon has about forty-five hundred men under his supervision, and he holds their confidence and their loyalty in a high degree.

The following estimate of Mr. Wheeldon's personality, character, and work, made by one who is intimately acquainted with his career, is enlightening:

"He has a seemingly inexhaustible store of energy," says this impartial observer, "a nervous temperament, is quick in action, both mental and physical,—and knows human nature. He is a born diplomat, but knows how and when to be firm and unyielding. Having traveled all the way from floor sweeper to general manager, he knows by practical experience the viewpoint and the psychology of the men in his employ. Moreover, they know that he has come from the ranks, and this fact, together with absolute fairness in his dealings, holds the respect, confidence, and loyalty of his men. They do not stand in awe of him. He has won his way by indefatigable industry, by the natural endowment of a fine intelligence, and by a fine sense of honor and loyalty to those whose interests he serves."

In addition to his responsibilities in connection with the Wickwire Spencer Steel Company, Mr. Wheeldon is also a member of the board of directors and vice-president of the American Wire Fabrics Corporation. Fraternally he is affiliated with Montacute Lodge, Free and Accepted masons, of Worcester, in which order he has taken all the York and Scottish Rite degrees, and is a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; and of Aletheia Grotto of Worcester. He is also a member of Ridgley Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Knights of Pythias; and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is well known in club circles, being a member of the Commonwealth Club, Rotary Club, Temple Club, Worcester Country Club, of Blue Grass Country Club of Cave City, Kentucky; and of Tatassit Canoe Club, of Unity Club, and of Claiborne Yacht Club of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Wheeldon married Anna Frederickton, who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, daughter of Gustav Frederickton. Mrs. Wheeldon is very active in the work of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeldon are the parents of two children: Edward Stanley, who was born in 1903, and is a student at Huntington Preparatory School, in Boston; and Marion Alberta, who was born in 1907.

ALVAH CROCKER—The name of Crocker has become a prominent one in Worcester County, Massachusetts, especially in the town of Fitchburg, where for half a century Alvah Crocker was identified with all the important interests of the community, chief among them being the building of the railroad that connected Fitchburg with Boston, and at the same time successfully carried on the business of paper manufacturing, besides serving in the State Legislature and later in Congress. Put to work in a paper factory when but eight years old, with scant opportunity for education, there was apparently little in his early environment to prepare him for a successful career, either in business or in service to his fellow men. During his entire boyhood and youth the monotony of twelve hours a day of hard manual labor, at a daily compensation of twenty-five cents, was varied only by six weeks each year when he was permitted to attend school. Truly this would to-day be considered a poor preparation for a successful life,

and the fact that Alvah Crocker did succeed in spite of his limitations argues for other influences than environment, and these may possibly be found in his environment.

(I.) The Crocker family was of great distinctive antiquity in the annals of Old England. Captain John Crocker, the great-grandfather of Alvah Crocker, was born in England in 1692, and upon coming to New England, settled in Newburyport, Massachusetts, where he was both a skipper and a ship owner. At that time the town was famous for its shipbuilding, and was one of the most active ports in the colonies. In 1748 Captain Crocker obtained permission from the town to erect a rope walk, the first to be built there. He married, in 1727, Mary Savage, daughter of Thomas Savage, and had four sons and four daughters. He died in 1763.

(II.) Benjamin Crocker, the third child of Captain John and Mary (Savage) Crocker, was born in Boston in 1732, and was reared and lived in Newburyport. He was also interested in shipping and was a part owner with his father of the brig "Ranger" in 1758. He married, September 9, 1761, Sarah Somerby, daughter of Samuel Somerby, of Hampton, New Hampshire, and had nine children, the eighth child being Deacon Samuel, the father of Alvah.

(III.) Deacon Samuel Crocker was born in Newburyport March 22, 1774, two years before his father's death. He was brought up in Newburyport, attending school there and afterwards learning the paper-making trade. In 1796 he moved to Leominster, Massachusetts, and entered the employment of Nichols & Kendall, who had just started the first paper mill there. This partnership was dissolved in 1804, but Samuel Crocker continued in the employ of Jonas Kendall, who acquired the business. The house in which he lived and raised his family still stands. Religious zeal was Deacon Crocker's outstanding characteristic, and he and his wife were active and influential members of the Baptist church. It is said that he rarely conversed without introducing the subject of religion, and that the only books in his home besides the Bible were "Edwards on Religious Affection," "Lives of Watts and Doddridge," "King Philip's Indian Wars," and "The Westminster Assemblies Lesser Catechism." He married, in 1798, Comfort Jones, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Adams) Jones, of Medway, Massachusetts. She was born August 23, 1777, and was a descendant of the Adams family of Massachusetts, whose reliance and independence of character she inherited. She made a noble struggle against adverse circumstances and reared her large family in habits of honest industry, teaching the children to exert themselves from choice as well as from necessity. In the summer months, during their childhood, the boys were sent out to work for farmers, and with this help the insufficient income of the father covered their necessities, while early habits of industry and thrift were inculcated.

(IV.) The Hon Alvah Crocker, their eldest child, was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, October 14, 1801. From his mother he inherited his most prominent characteristics. Beginning work when he was but eight years old, in the mill where his father was employed, with but little time allowed for schooling, he was fortunate in having placed at his disposal the library

of his employer, Israel Nichols, which was a good one for those times, and, browsing among the books, he acquired a broad and general store of knowledge, greater, perhaps, than that attained by most boys by attending school at his age. In this environment, and spurred by his mother's early teachings of industry and application, he conceived a desire and an ambition to have a college education, and this desire growing by what it fed upon, he taxed all his strength and energies to earn enough money to save the necessary funds. By the time he was sixteen years old he had saved fifty dollars, and entered Groton Academy, where he pursued his studies until his funds were gone. He then went to work again, but so steadily did he devote his evenings to study that he was enabled to keep pace with his class in the academy. In 1820 he was employed in a paper mill in Franklin, New Hampshire, and three years later he entered the employ of General Leonard Burbank, the pioneer paper manufacturer of Fitchburg. In 1826 Mr. Crocker borrowed capital and erected a mill in a birch swamp situated in that part of North Fitchburg now known as Crockerville. From that time until 1830 his life was a continuous struggle to meet financial obligations, times were hard, a freshet damaged his mill, and machinery began to take the place of manual labor; to compete successfully with other manufacturers he was compelled to incur increased expense, but courage and force of will, faith and his known honest character carried him through. He was hampered by insufficient working capital, and thereupon made arrangements with a Boston commission house to procure through them his raw materials and chemicals in exchange for his finished product, which he transported himself by team to Boston. At this time he owed \$12,000 on the original purchase of his mill and yet felt impelled to raise \$10,000 more for new machinery. To add to his troubles the commission house demanded payment of a balance against him of \$4,000 not yet due. In spite of these hindrances he struggled on, liquidated his debts and pushed his business to substantial success. In the course of time he built additional paper mills and also became interested in railroad construction. The firm of Crocker, Burbank & Company, which had been organized in 1850, later obtained control of seven mills, producing fifteen tons of paper daily, these mills being the Snow, or Upper Mill; the Cascade Mill, the Upton Mill, the Whitney Mill, the Hanna Mill, the Lyon Mill, and the Stone Mill, built over a period extending from 1839 to 1854, and being acquired respectively by this firm in 1862, 1863, 1859, 1860, 1868, 1869, and 1871. Mr. Crocker identified his private interests with the interests of the town, realizing that what would increase the population and the industries and resources of the town of his adoption would benefit each individual citizen. A man of broad understanding and sympathies, his long and useful life, helped in the upbuilding of the community. He was instrumental in the building of the Fitchburg Railway, now a part of the Boston & Maine Railway. He also supervised the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Hoosac Tunnel route, achievements in the engineering world whose successful accomplishment was obtained under the most adverse conditions. His services to his fellow citizens were not unrecognized, and in 1835 he was elected Representative to the Massachu-

setts Legislature. In that body, in 1836, he voted for the subscription by the State of \$1,000,000 to complete the Western Railroad, and but for his advocacy, it is probable that the subscription would not have been made at that time. On his return home, he aroused the citizens of his town and the surrounding country on the importance of railroads and direct railroad connections with Boston, with the result of building such communication, and in his being returned to the Legislature again in 1842. On March 5, 1845, he rode into Fitchburg on the first locomotive that passed over the road, and he was elected first president of the Fitchburg Road. He later resigned that office to become the president of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company. He later became engaged in railroad operation in various parts of the State, and his work in this connection was of great benefit to the people. He was instrumental in establishing a complete system of water works in Fitchburg, and he erected buildings for various manufactures, thus aiding in the establishment of new industries in the town. Later Mr. Crocker became interested in Turner's Falls and organized, with other capitalists, the Turner's Falls Company, in 1866. This corporation purchased the rights and franchises of the old organization known as "The Proprietors of the Upper Locks and Canals on the Connecticut River, in the county of Hampshire," and bought lands in Montague, on the river front, near the falls. A dam with a fall of thirty feet, and a capacity of 30,000 horse power was constructed, and from 1866 to the end of his life the daring projector worked indefatigably for the success and prosperity of the new town, spending his own money freely and inducing others to do likewise. He had planned the establishment of a public library and other institutions at Turner's Falls, when death claimed him. Mr. Crocker was instrumental in organizing the Crocker National Bank, the Crocker Institution for Savings in Turner's Falls, and he was one of those who founded the Rollstone National Bank of Fitchburg, in 1840, a member of its board of directors for the remainder of his life, and was chosen its president in 1870. Mr. Crocker worked incessantly for the development of the resources of Northwestern Massachusetts, and his ability and public spirit were recognized generally, and he was chosen to fill the unexpired term in Congress of the Hon William B. Washburn, who was elected Governor of the State. He took his seat on January 2, 1872, and was reelected to the Forty-third Congress, receiving 14,919 votes. On December 19, 1874, while attending to his Congressional duties in Washington, he was seized with what appeared to be a cold that was epidemic at the time in the national capital, and left for his home, and his death followed a week later, on December 26, 1874.

Mr. Alvah Crocker married, August 14, 1829, Abigail Fox, who died August 21, 1847, leaving four daughters and one son. Mr. Crocker married (second), April 9, 1851, Lucy A. Fay, who died January 29, 1872. On November 20, 1872, he married (third) Minerva Cushing. One of his children was Charles Thomas, of whom further.

(V.) Charles Thomas Crocker was born March 2, 1833, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, son of the Hon. Alvah and Abigail (Fox) Crocker, and died in 1911. He re-

ceived his education in the public schools of his birthplace, following which he immediately entered the employ of the Crocker & Burbank Company, of which his father was the head. Upon the death of his father in 1874, Charles T. Crocker became the senior member of this firm, and under his leadership it was carried forward with success until 1900, when Mr. Crocker retired from active business life. He was a director of the Crocker National Bank at Turner's Falls, and a trustee of the Crocker Institute for Savings, in the same town, both of which organizations had been established by his father.

Charles Thomas Crocker married (first), October 14, 1857, Helen E. Tufts, whose death occurred twenty years later, in 1877. He married (second), June 1, 1881, Helen T. Bartow. Mr. Crocker had two sons, Alvah, of whom further; and Charles T.

(VI.) Alvah Crocker, son of Charles Thomas and Helen E. (Tufts) Crocker, and a member of the sixth generation of the Crocker family in America, was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, August 21, 1858. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Fitchburg, following which he entered and was graduated from the Fitchburg High School. He then matriculated at Harvard University, taking the liberal arts course. He was graduated from Harvard with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1879.

Alvah Crocker married, October 14, 1880, Charlotte Bartow.

HENRY FARNSWORTH SAWTELLE—The records in Somersetshire, England, contain data of the Sawtelle family earlier than the beginning of the reign of Queen Elizabeth (1558), and according to those records, it is evident that Richard Sawtell, the immigrant ancestor, who founded the Sawtelle family in New England, was born in Aller, Somersetshire, in 1604, and married Elizabeth Pople, of High Ham, Somersetshire, in 1628, and came to Massachusetts Bay among the early settlers.

(I.) Richard Sawtell was one of the proprietors of Watertown, Massachusetts, and lived there from 1636 until 1661, when he and his family moved to Groton, Massachusetts, and he had a twenty-acre right. He was chosen the first Town Clerk, and served for three years, 1662-63-64, the first years that town records were kept. Butler's "History of Groton" refers to him as follows: "Various were the modes of expression, chirographies, and orthographies used by the several clerks. Richard Sawtell's style in each of these particulars was very good, and very similar to the records in the county offices made at and about the same period. His records prove him to have been a scholar." Green's "Historical Sketch of Groton, Massachusetts," states: "Without doubt, he was the Richard Sawtell who served in Major Appleton's company during Philip's War." Richard Sawtell and his wife, Elizabeth, had ten children, among them Zachariah, of whom later. Richard and his wife subsequently returned to Watertown, where he died August 21, 1694, and his widow, Elizabeth, only survived him until October 18 of the same year.

(II.) Zachariah Sawtell, son of Richard and Elizabeth Sawtell, was born at Watertown, Massachusetts, May 26, 1643. He went to Groton in 1661 and became

one of the original proprietors. He married (first) Elizabeth Parker, and (second) Mary, family name unknown. They had five children, one, Zachariah, Jr., of whom further. During King Philip's War Zachariah Sawtell with his family and other inhabitants of Groton were obliged to remove elsewhere for safety, and it was probably during that period (1675-6) that Zachariah, Jr., was born.

(III.) Zachariah Sawtell, Jr., son of Zachariah and Elizabeth (Parker) Sawtell, was born about 1675-6, and died at Groton, October 2, 1737. He was a farmer and brickmaker, and resided at Groton during all of his active years. His wife was Mary or Marcy, family name unknown. They had ten children, all born at Groton; one, Daniel, of whom further.

(IV.) Daniel Sawtell, son of Zachariah, Jr., and Mary or Marcy Sawtell, was born in Groton, September 21, 1704, and married, at Concord, Massachusetts, February 28, 1727, Esther Heald, of that town, and settled at Groton, where their seven children were born; one, Oliver, of whom later. It is probable that Daniel and his wife, Esther, moved to Springfield, Vermont, after three of their sons located there.

(V.) Oliver Sawtell, son of Daniel and Esther (Heald) Sawtell, was born in Groton, Massachusetts, June 5, 1743. A party of ten from Groton and vicinity were among the first settlers in Springfield, Vermont, after John Nott, who was there in 1752. The "History of Springfield" states that probably in 1753 a settlement was made in that town by Daniel, Jacob, and Oliver Sartwell, on a ridge of land later known as Sartwell's Hill. At that time they were about nineteen, sixteen, and ten years of age, respectively. In the early records of Springfield, Vermont, the name Sawtell was spelled Sartwell, but elsewhere the name was spelled Sawtell, which was the original English form. However, the more modern form of spelling is Sawtelle. Oliver Sawtell was a prominent citizen of Springfield, and was elected a Constable in 1773, a lister in 1781 and 1782, and a grand jurymen for several years. In 1780 he was a soldier in the Revolution in the Springfield company, Captain Abner Bisbee, in Colonel Wood's Regiment. In 1781 he served in the company of Captain Peter Page, regiment of Lieutenant-Colonel Ebenezer Walbridge. Oliver Sawtell married (first) Mary, family name unknown, who died in Springfield, Vermont, August 15, 1774. He married (second) Hannah Taylor, December 25, 1777. There were three children by the first marriage, one named Haile, of whom further. Oliver Sawtell died November 20, 1807, and Hannah, his second wife, died September 22, 1812, both in Springfield, Vermont.

(VI.) Haile Sawtell (Sartwell), son of Oliver and Mary Sawtell (Sartwell), was born in Springfield, Vermont, February 24, 1767, and married (first) Eleanor Sartwell, May 19, 1789. By this marriage there were three children, one, Moses, of whom further. He married (second) Dolly Wood, September 17, 1809, and they had seven children. In 1810 they moved to Crown Point, New York, which was then but a small settlement, and his work was that of a pioneer. He died at Ticonderoga, New York, January 25, 1842, and his wife, Dolly, died March 5, 1863.

(VII.) Moses Sawtell, son of Haile and Eleanor



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(Sartwell) Sawtell, was born in Springfield, Vermont, February 11, 1793. He was educated in that town, and came to Massachusetts when a young man, and resided for a time at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he married Clarissa Farnsworth, of Groton, Massachusetts, October 5, 1817. They had eight children, one, Charles Farnsworth, of whom further. Moses Sawtell, after living a few years at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, moved to Westminster, Massachusetts, where he resided for a number of years, and later moved to Jaffrey, New Hampshire, on a farm at the foot of Monadnock Mountain, where he died February 16, 1857. His widow, Clarissa (Farnsworth) Sawtell died at Bolton, Massachusetts, October 30, 1862.

(VIII.) Charles Farnsworth Sawtelle, son of Moses and Clarissa (Farnsworth) Sawtell, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, November 27, 1819. He was educated in the Fitchburg schools, and during his boyhood days lived on a farm, and later, for about thirty years operated sawmills, either for himself or others, and was located during those years at Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, Jaffrey, New Hampshire, Rindge, New Hampshire, Leominster, Massachusetts, and Bolton, Massachusetts. In 1870 he bought a farm in the southerly part of Leominster, to which he moved with his family and which he successfully operated until 1895, when, on account of advancing years, he leased his farm and bought a residence at No. 128 Central Street, Leominster, where he lived until he passed away, February 12, 1911, in his ninety-second year, a man remarkably well preserved for one of his age. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Leominster, and in politics was a Republican. He was a man of sterling character and upright life, vigorous and strong, a perfect type of the sturdy, prosperous New England farmer. Charles Farnsworth Sawtelle married (first) Mary Ann Osborne, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, September 10, 1844, who died July 26, 1850. By this marriage there was one child, Mary Maria Sawtelle, born June 10, 1850, who died September 7, of the same year. He married (second) Mary Brown Woodbury, March 17, 1853, who was born June 8, 1827, daughter of Luke Woodbury and Sally (Conant) Woodbury, of Bolton, Massachusetts. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Leominster, and died March 20, 1915, in the eighty-eighth year of her age. The Woodbury family trace their ancestry to the immigrant ancestor who came to this country from England in 1624 and settled on the northern coast of Massachusetts Bay at that location which is now the city of Beverly. To Charles Farnsworth Sawtelle and Mary Brown (Woodbury) Sawtelle two sons were born: 1. Charles Woodbury, was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, January 4, 1854. He was educated in the public schools of Bolton and Leominster and resided at home, assisting his father on the farm, and was deeply interested in agriculture. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Leominster, Massachusetts, and in politics was a Republican. He died January 10, 1910. 2. Henry Farnsworth, of whom further.

(IX.) Henry Farnsworth Sawtelle, younger son of Charles Farnsworth Sawtelle and Mary Brown (Woodbury) Sawtelle, was born in Bolton, Massachusetts, November 30, 1863. He was educated in the public

schools of Leominster and at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. For the following five years he was employed as bookkeeper and clerk in a hardware store in Leominster. In 1888 Mr. Sawtelle, in company with Joseph W. Estabrook, established in Leominster a hardware and paint store, under the firm name of Sawtelle and Estabrook, that firm continuing until 1893, when Mr. Sawtelle bought his partner's interest and became sole owner. Later he bought the block he occupied, which is known as Sawtelle Block, and has so continued business to date (1924). By his strict integrity and careful attention to the requirements of his customers he has conducted a prosperous business. He has been a large real estate owner for many years, has been interested in real estate developments, and has extensive real estate holdings in several States. Mr. Sawtelle is a Republican in politics, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Improved Order of Red Men, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose and the Leominster Historical Society. From 1910 to 1916 he was a member of the Board of Selectmen, and was chairman the last five years. In 1915 Leominster voted to become a city, and city government was inaugurated in January, 1916. Mr. Sawtelle had the honor of being elected the first Mayor, and he is now serving on his fifth consecutive two-year term. At three elections he had no opposition, and at each of the other two elections he received an overwhelming majority. Mayor Sawtelle married, October 12, 1898, Effie Adams, a direct descendant of President John Adams. She was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, February 20, 1866, the daughter of Hanson Hoyt Adams and Martha Jane (Paul) Adams.

HON. WILLIAM ANDREW MURRAY—Prominent in legal circles, and also in the public life of the State of Massachusetts, William A. Murray is one of the foremost figures in the professional world of Milford, Massachusetts, and with law offices in the city of Boston, also, he is counted among the largely successful and widely noted lawyers of this State. He is well known also in fraternal circles, and in every branch of civic and social advance lends his influence to all worthy effort.

William A. Murray was born at Milford, Massachusetts, June 17, 1889, a son of James and Teresa (Taft) Murray. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following his graduation from the Milford High School, he entered Boston University School of Law, from which he was graduated in 1910. He was admitted to the Massachusetts bar when twenty-one years of age. Mr. Murray immediately became associated with various prominent law firms of Boston, continuing until November, 1918, when he established his own offices both in Boston and in Milford. Residing in Milford, and a leading citizen of this community, his time is perhaps more fully commanded by his practice in the courts of Suffolk, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Worcester counties than any lawyer of his age in the community, and he holds high rank in the profession, his practice including many important legal cases carried to a successful conclusion.

An able speaker, as well as an authority on many branches of law, Mr. Murray has been brought into the

public service in various ways. He is a loyal advocate of the principles and the policies of the Democratic party, and was elected from a Republican district to the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts for two consecutive terms, he first being elected in 1916, at the age of twenty-seven years. No Democrat ever since has managed to be elected in this district since Mr. Murray retired in 1922. He was brought forward also as a candidate for State Senator, but although defeated, the narrow margin which his opponent gained was significant of his popularity, for it was in a Republican stronghold that he so nearly defeated the Republican candidate, reducing a Republican plurality in 1920 of 9,000 to the small number of 244. Mr. Murray's work as a legislator counted not only for the welfare and progress of his own locality, but for the general advance of conditions throughout the State, and his constituents felt that in their representative they and the community as well were honored. During the World War Mr. Murray served on the Legal Advisory Board, and also as local investigator for the War Risk Bureau, further giving largely of his time and means in the advancement of the many home war activities. Fraternally, Mr. Murray is identified with Milford Lodge, No. 628, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is Past Grand Exalter Ruler; also the Knights of Columbus, of which he is Past Grand Knight; and the Fraternal Order of Eagles; and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Murray married, at Milford, September 21, 1914, Mary E. De Pasquale, a Milford public school teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are the parents of three children: William, Jr., Mary Norma, and Joseph.

HELEN GRACE ESTEY—An interesting and useful career is that of Helen Grace Estey, who for a number of years has been identified with various important libraries of the State of Massachusetts, and is now librarian of the Athol Public Library. Highly educated and always in close touch with all advance relevant to her work, Miss Estey is doing much for the progress and benefit of this institution, and is making it broadly useful to the people. Miss Estey is a native of this State and county, and a daughter of George Franklin and Victoria Stewart (Wishart) Estey, her father well and favorably known in Gardner, Massachusetts, in the trucking and jobbing business.

Helen Grace Estey was born at Gardner, Massachusetts, October 15, 1885. Following the elementary and grammar courses, she attended Gardner High School, from which she was graduated in the class of 1904. She then entered Drexel Institute Library School, and was graduated the following year, after which she took up library work as her vocation. More recently she has covered an employment management course at Boston University, also a University Extension Course in French and Spanish. Miss Estey's first experience in her chosen field was at Leominster Public Library, assuming her duties in July, 1905, and in September, 1905, she was made assistant librarian of that institution. She was active in this library for a period of about twelve years, and during that time the library moved into a fine new building, where its facilities and circulation

were materially increased. In 1917, after taking the Massachusetts Civil Service examinations, Miss Estey received appointment to the important position of librarian of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics. With the consolidation of the State departments about two years later, she was appointed librarian of the Department of Labor and Industries. This position Miss Estey filled for more than two years, and during her stay in Boston she participated in the founding of the Special Libraries' Association of that city, taking a deep interest in its meetings and in the development of its activities. In September, 1922, she accepted her present position as librarian at the Athol Public Library. This institution is one of the progressive organizations in its field in the State of Massachusetts, and comprises a collection of 12,818 volumes, suitably divided between adult's and children's books, and embracing a very wide scope of serious and scientific literature as well as fiction. The circulation for the year 1922 amounted to 60,663 volumes. Miss Estey has won the confidence and esteem of the patrons of the library and its officials as well, and her work is contributing definitely to the advance of education and to the general well-being. Miss Estey is the compiler of a really important work, the bibliography of the "Cost of Living in the United States."

In the civic and benevolent advance Miss Estey takes a part, lending her influence to all progressive effort. She is a supporter of the Republican party, was secretary of the Leominster Suffrage Club, and acted as teller in the Gardner organization. She is a member of Signet Chapter, No. 22, Order of the Eastern Star, and in addition to her connection with the Special Libraries' Association of Boston, she holds membership in the American Library Association, the Massachusetts Library Club, and was formerly a member of the Leominster Fortnightly Club, and active in its civic department. She is a member of the American Red Cross, and an earnest worker in its behalf.

WILLIAM H. HOBBY—Standing back of the constructive activities of the Chair City of Gardner, Massachusetts, William H. Hobby is counted among the most important business executives of the business world of this community, and is the senior partner of the firm of Hobby Brothers, proprietors of the Gardner Machine Works. Trained for his present activities in some of the foremost industrial plants of the State of Massachusetts, Mr. Hobby has built his success on the enduring foundation of ability and practical experience, and has not only achieved a high position in his chosen field but has done much for this and allied fields of industrial endeavor.

The Hobby family is an old one in the State of Massachusetts, and William Hobby, Mr. Hobby's grandfather was a pioneer in the chair industry in Boston, when all the work was done by hand. The name of William Hobby has been carried down in the family from the pioneer ancestor of early Colonial times, and many men of this family have gained renown. The first doorkeeper of the United States Congress was a Hobby, and Captain John Hobby was an officer in the War of the Revolution, in the Continental army. William M. Hobby, Mr. Hobby's father, was born in Melrose, Massachusetts, and by occupation was an expert



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machinist, for many years employed in the Boston Navy Yard. A veteran of the Civil War, he served in that struggle as a member of Company I, 12th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, better known as Colonel Thatcher's regiment, which was almost annihilated during their period of service. William M. Hobby was a man highly esteemed by all who knew him, and his death, at the age of forty-seven years, in 1883 was mourned by all. He married Lucy A. Elm, who was born in Camden, Maine, and survived him for eleven years, passing away in 1894, at the age of sixty-seven years.

William H. Hobby, son of these parents, was born in Charlestown, now a suburb of Boston, Massachusetts, December 6, 1866. His education was begun in the public schools of Boston, his graduation from high school occurring in 1883. Thereafter he took a three years' course in designing and drafting in a technical school founded by a Boston philanthropist, and had just passed his examinations preparatory to entering the Massachusetts Institute of Technology when financial matters compelled him to forego the completion of his education and assume the responsibility of his mother's support. He secured employment with an uncle, who had charge of a department in the Walworth Manufacturing Company's brass and iron foundry. There he learned drafting and pattern-making, and following the completion of his apprenticeship he came to Gardner. This was in 1887, and Mr. Hobby at once secured a position in the plant of L. G. Knight, a manufacturer of chair machinery. There he soon became a competent all-round machinist, continuing with the firm for about three years. Finding his life mapped out for him along different lines that he had contemplated, Mr. Hobby simply made the best of the situation, and determined upon fitting himself for the highest possible attainment in the field in which he was engaged. He went to Boston to perfect himself in another branch of the machinist's trade, namely, gear cutting, and remained there for about two years. Upon his return to Gardner Mr. Hobby entered the employ of the Heywood Brothers & Company, and in this connection mastered the practical application of his knowledge to the chair industry. During all the foregoing period Mr. Hobby's activities had been broadly constructive, and in 1894, with this splendid preparation and equipment, he established the present interest in partnership with his brother, Edgar N. Hobby. In the twenty-seven years which have since intervened, as the head of this increasingly important interest, Mr. Hobby has won his way to large prominence in the industrial life of Gardner. Beginning as manufacturers of chair machinery only, and that principally for the local demand, the brothers have extended the scope of the business until they now make machinery for many different industries, and their product goes to all parts of the world. Chair machinery has been their specialty, however, throughout their entire history, and in this connection William H. Hobby has taken a place of far more than ordinary significance. Possessed of large inventive genius, he has solved many problems of the chair industry, and has designed and built machines which have revolutionized the chair industry and are in general use to-day, tripling and quadrupling the output of the plants where they are installed. Mr. Hobby has

never capitalized his inventive talent, but looking upon life from the point of view of the philanthropist, prefers the greatest good for the greatest number, rather than personal gain. Had he chosen to realize for himself all that could be wrung from his many inventions, he would undoubtedly be a very wealthy man.

Mr. Hobby is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and served for some years on the Republican Town Committee, but otherwise takes only the interest of the progressive citizen in public life. He is a member of Charles Sumner Camp, Sons of Veterans; of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; also of the Improved Order of Red Men.

William H. Hobby married, in 1889, Ada G. Clapp, of Gardner, and they are the parents of two daughters: Nettie L., wife of Ellery Trickell, of Portland, Oregon; and Alice, wife of Henry Le Blanc, teller of the First National Bank of Gardner.

JAMES E. YOUNG, a member of the Massachusetts State Legislature, was born at Charlestown, Massachusetts, November 4, 1885, son of Charles D. and Annie M. (Griffith) Young. His father, who was born at Annapolis Valley, in Nova Scotia, settled in the United States at an early age. He had an adventurous career as an Indian fighter on the Western frontier, and was one of Custer's scouts. Mr. Young's mother, who was born in England, is of Welsh descent and belongs to a branch of the Griffith family of Carnarvon.

Mr. Young received his preliminary education in the public schools of Massachusetts. After his graduation from the Winchendon High School he proceeded to Lawrence Scientific School and took a course in civil engineering. He was graduated as a civil engineer from Lawrence and might have entered at once upon the practice of his profession, if he had not received an advantageous offer from the glove manufacturers, Simon, Hatch & Whittier, to represent them as a traveling salesman. This firm had at a previous time recognized Mr. Young's pronounced selling ability, and on that account wished to enroll him as a permanent member of their sales force. Mr. Young accepted their offer and for eight years remained in association with them, selling gloves of their manufacture to the wholesale and retail trade in various parts of the country. During these years of salesmanship he made a great many friends and acquired invaluable experience of modern business methods and an accurate knowledge of the conditions that underlie many of the trade problems of the present day. The relations between himself and the members of the firm were always of the most cordial and agreeable character, and when he finally decided to give up his position as one of their traveling representatives, his departure was a matter of deep regret to his employers as well as to all his other associates in the business. Acting in accordance with the terms of a decision he had arrived at some months before, Mr. Young, upon leaving Simon, Hatch & Whittier, returned to Winchendon and established himself in practice as a civil engineer. Widely known for his public services, he has continued to make Winchendon his home and business headquarters ever since.

In political faith Mr. Young is a Republican. He has been a member of the Republican Town Committee for

the past fifteen years, and at the present time and for two years past he has served as chairman of the Winchendon Board of Selectmen. For ten years he has filled the office of Town Engineer, and for nine years was a member of the Sewer Commission. He served two years as a member of the Massachusetts State Legislature. Keenly interested in the political questions of the hour and having a bias toward quick, practical, and efficient solutions in politics, as in all other human affairs, Mr. Young is regarded as one of the leaders of thought in Worcester County, and men of all parties admit the soundness of his views in regard to politics in general, however much they may disagree with him in details. With Mr. Young, the old idea of the greatest good to the greatest number is not enough. He believes that everybody should have a fair chance, and that so far as is humanly possible, citizens should be taught and encouraged and inspired to make the most of themselves, their lives, and their opportunities. A hard worker himself and a man of great mental energy and resourcefulness, Mr. Young exerts a personal influence in public affairs which extends beyond the confines of any creed or party and on this account his views carry great weight in public discussions. Mr. Young is a member of the Unitarian faith, and is a Mason of the thirty-second degree. He holds all the orders up to and including the Shrine, and belongs to Aleppo Temple at Boston. He is a member of the Avon Club of Winchendon.

Mr. Young married, on June 30, 1910, at Winchendon, Abby L. Bent, daughter of Elisha M. and Julia R. (Chaplain) Bent. Mrs. Young's parents are both natives of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, where she herself was born. Mr. and Mrs. Young have one child, Julia R., who is named for her mother's mother, and who was born at Winchendon September 2, 1916.

PERCY A. ATHERTON, A. B., LL. B., was born in Harvard, Worcester County, Massachusetts, June 24, 1877, the son of Charles P. and Sarah (Sawyer) Atherton. He attended the public schools in Harvard, and after graduating from the Bromfield School, in Harvard, in June, 1896, entered Harvard College with the class of 1900. In June, 1900, he was given the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then attended the Harvard Law School from September, 1900, to June, 1903, and in June, 1903, was given the degree of Bachelor of Laws. After being admitted to the bar in October, 1903, he was associated with the firm of Morse & Friedman, in Boston, later becoming a member of the firm. He is at present practicing law in Boston as a member of the firm of Friedman, Atherton, King & Turner, with offices at No. 30 State Street.

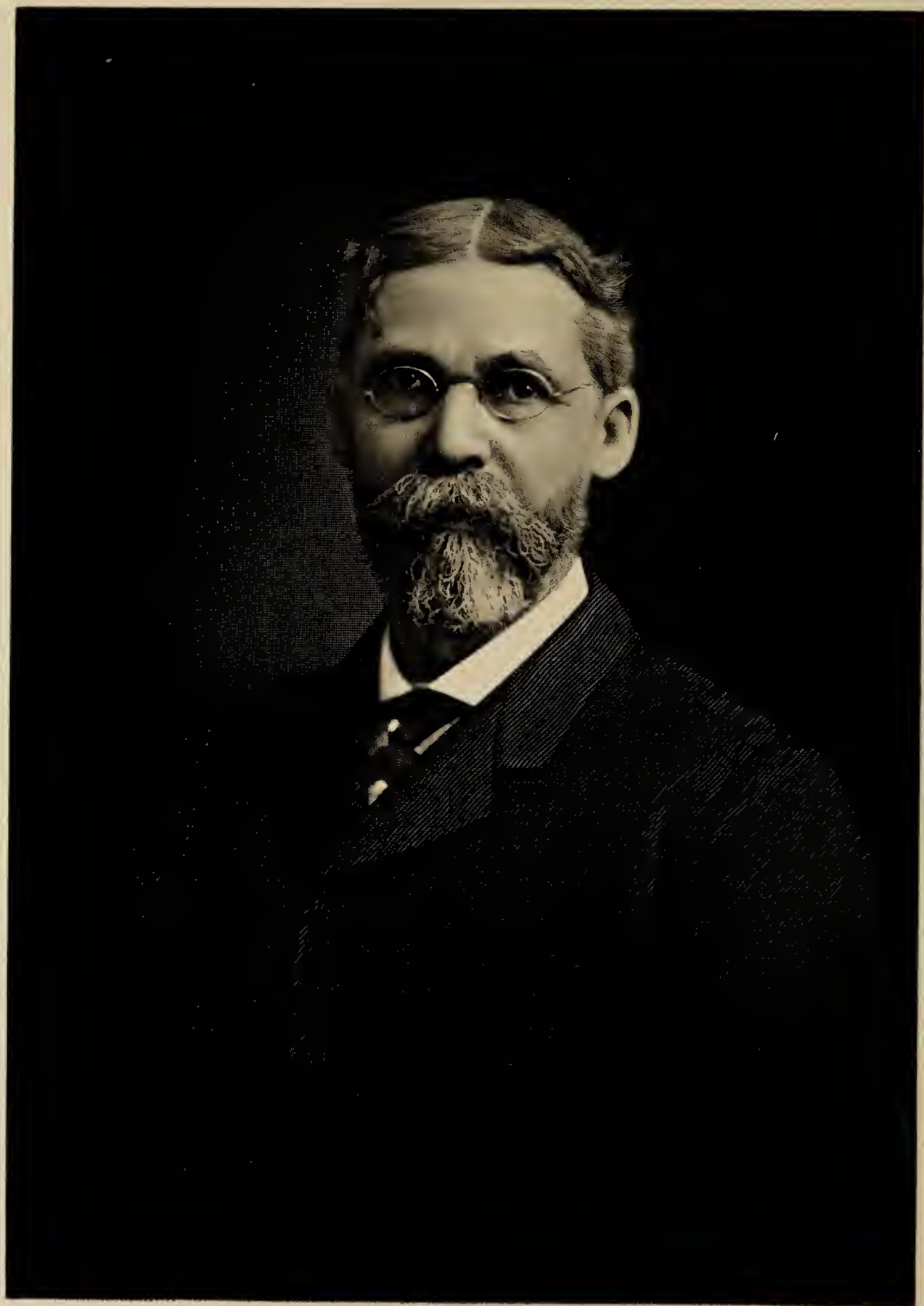
From 1903 to 1915 Mr. Atherton served in the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, resigning in the latter year with the rank of major. He is a member of the University Club of Boston, the Harvard clubs of New York and of Boston the Harvard Musical Association of Boston, and the Worcester Country Club. He is interested in apple growing on the former Luke Whitney farm, in Harvard, where he spends the summer months with his family.

Mr. Atherton was married, at Boston, June 4, 1910, to Louise Newhall Valpey, daughter of Henry R. and

Nancy (Newhall) Valpey of Cambridge. Mr. and Mrs. Atherton have three children: Henry Valpey, born May 6, 1911; Sarah Sawyer, born December 12, 1913; and Nancy, born September 14, 1917.

FRANCIS H. LEE—A name which meant much to his day and generation was that of Francis H. Lee, whose lifetime was spent principally in philanthropic work, his health during the greater part of his career precluding extensive activity in the business world. The life of Mr. Lee was one which to the world of men and affairs might have seemed futile, but like a flower in a place of shadow its beauty was known and loved by those whose privilege it was to come in touch with his gracious spirit or share in his benevolence. Mr. Lee was a son of John C. Lee, who was born at Salem, Massachusetts, and became a leading figure in the world of finance in the city of Boston. Educated in his native city and acquiring some experience in his chosen field of endeavor, John C. Lee became one of the founders of the Lee & Higginson Bank of Boston, a private financial institution of that early day which made a long and eminently useful record. He was counted among the largely progressive men of his day, and his name stands on the permanent records of the city as one of honor and distinction, although he has now for many years been deceased. He married Harriet Paine Rose, who was born on the island Antigna, West Indies, the daughter of Dr. William Paine, of Worcester, Massachusetts, but whose life was principally spent in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Francis H. Lee, son of these parents, was born at Salem, Massachusetts, December 23, 1836, and died October 7, 1913. His education was begun in the primary schools of Salem and following the completion of the common school course he went to Boston, where he was affiliated with his brother in an office, in the capacity of clerk. He was active in that connection for two years, then continued in business life until the outbreak of the Civil War. He was one of the earliest of the Salem young men to respond to the need of his country when the Union was threatened and he enlisted in Company F, 23d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and went early to the scene of action. When his first enlistment had expired, he reënlisted and continued under his country's colors throughout the period of the war, returning to his native city after the close of hostilities. He made his life one of rare beauty and benevolence. Having learned sympathy through suffering, the need of every human being reached him with deep appeal, and he made his life interest the doing of good. His contributions to organized charity and benevolence were always generous, but it was in his private benefactions that he took the deepest interest, and whenever he could do so he avoided the possibility of his name appearing on the public records of any charitable movement. To the many poor, ill, and needy who personally knew Mr. Lee his life was a blessing, and his interest saved numberless people from despondency or actual suffering for the necessities of life. He never discussed his work in this field, preferring always to do good for its own sake. He was deeply interested in public affairs in the town, the State, and the Nation, but his modest, retiring disposition made the



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prominence of public life distasteful to him, and while he supported the Republican party in political affairs and did all in his power in an unostentatious way for the advancement of all good efforts, he never accepted the honors of public office. He was a member of the Unitarian church of Salem, Massachusetts, and gave largely of his means to the advancement of religious progress. Such a life as that of Francis H. Lee exemplifies the usefulness of unheralded self-sacrifice. Yet it is the pleasure of the biographer to attempt in some degree to convey to the people of the present day and those who shall come after, something of the gracious significance of such a life to the world. The name of Francis H. Lee fittingly stands on these permanent records of worthy effort and human progress.

Francis H. Lee married, in Salem, Massachusetts, on October 17, 1871, Sophia E. Willson, daughter of Rev. Edmund B. Willson, who was born in Petersham, Massachusetts, August 15, 1820, and died in Salem, Massachusetts, June 13, 1895. A prominent minister in his day in the Unitarian church, he served for thirty-six years in this connection and became a distinguished figure in the progress of his denomination in Salem. He bought the home in Petersham, Massachusetts, now occupied by his daughters: Mrs. Lee and Miss Willson, in the year 1883. He was deeply interested in all that pertained to the completing of records both of family interest and of public import, and he was the author of a work published many years ago, entitled "The One Hundredth Anniversary of Petersham." He married Martha A. Buttrick, who was born July 20, 1815, and died November 7, 1891. Mrs. Willson was a daughter of Major John Buttrick, on whose farm the battle of Concord took place in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Lee survives her husband and resides at No. 28 Chestnut Street, Salem, Massachusetts, spending her summers in the beautiful old Colonial homestead in Petersham.

JOHN WILSON BISHOP, president of the J. W. Bishop Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts, was, at his death, October 22, 1923, probably the oldest building contractor actively engaged in the business in New England. In 1924 he would have rounded out a full half-century of active business life in Worcester, and he had reason to be proud of his record, for he won a degree of success and prominence equalled by few in the same line of business. Many are the factors that contributed to his achievement; thorough mastery of his trade, sound judgment in estimating and vision, which has been defined as "seeing what others do not see; seeing farther than they see; and seeing before they see." His energy and endurance were remarkable, and his industry indefatigable. One characteristic of Mr. Bishop that could not escape observation, even in a casual conversation, was his high ethical ideal—his strong sense of right and wrong, and his insistence on fair play. Having arrived at a decision as to what was a just course to pursue, he carried out his purpose with irresistible determination. He mounted each rung of the ladder from the ranks of the apprentice, and therefore regarded a problem or situation from the workman's point of view with a just appreciation of what was fair and right to employee as well as employer. Hundreds of his men

had been with him for years, many of them since the days of their apprenticeship, and few builders of his time were so free from labor troubles. His bricklayers had not gone out on strike in twenty-three years. Such loyalty is an impressive tribute to his personality, character, and methods. Mr. Bishop possessed rare insight in judging the character and abilities of others, and built an organization of high efficiency and dependability, including some of the ablest men in the building business.

John Wilson Bishop was born in White Sands, Prince Edward Island, now a province of Canada, May 29, 1846, son of William and Sarah (Hooper) Bishop. His father, a ship carpenter by trade, came down from Plymouth, England, to Canada, in 1818, and was for many years employed in the shipyards at St. John, New Brunswick, also following farming at White Sands, in the southern part of the island. His mother was also a native of England, a daughter of William Hooper. In 1857 the family removed to Lonsdale, Rhode Island. There were nine children, and those who lived to maturity made their homes in Lonsdale, Providence, and Smithfield.

Following the custom of the times, John W. and the other boys went to work in the cotton mills when very young. Their schooling was extremely short. At the age of fifteen John W. left the cotton mill to learn the trade of carpenter in the employ of Ezra Bliss, of Pawtucket. Two years later he went to Providence and worked for a year or more for John & Charles Hull, builders. Though he had had but a year of school altogether, he realized the importance of education and applied himself with characteristic energy to study during his spare hours. It is safe to say that he kept pace with other boys who had the advantages of the best school training.

When he came of age Mr. Bishop left home and came to Worcester, entering the employ of H. W. Eddy, a contractor and builder, having a carpenter's shop on Norwich Street. Afterward he worked for other builders in the city, for William Sibley, Thomas G. Learned, and George S. Clough. He was a skillful craftsman, and when he engaged in business as a builder, in 1874, he had had a thorough training in all branches of carpenter and shop work. He rented a carpenter shop on Central Street, and his first contract was for the construction of the large brick stables of Harrington Brothers, on Central Street, a work of some magnitude for a young contractor. Then he built the residence of Thomas B. Eaton, on Boynton Street, and later the residences of C. S. Goddard and W. B. Fay, on Irving Street, both fine and costly houses. He succeeded and his business developed. In 1880 he joined hands with George H. Cutting, another capable builder, and the partnership continued for thirteen years under the firm name of Cutting & Bishop. The business of the firm was extensive from the first, placing the partners among the foremost builders of the State. When the firm was dissolved in 1893 Mr. Bishop continued in business alone under the name of J. W. Bishop & Company, and the extent and aggregate of his contracts multiplied. In 1899 he deemed it wise to incorporate the business, and from that time he was president and principal owner of the J. W. Bishop Company.

The monuments to Mr. Bishop's ability and attainments, numerous and enduring, may be seen in the private and public buildings that he erected in all parts of the country, palaces at Newport and Lennox, great government buildings, substantial business blocks. The list of his contracts would fill pages, and the full story of his life work would require a volume by itself. But just as enduring as the brick and stone will be the story of his rise from humble circumstances by his own efforts, his self-training and his long and successful career. His life is one of the best as a guide and example to ambitious youth, an encouragement for the young men starting on the road he traveled.

The offices and mill of the J. W. Bishop Company are located at Nos. 107 and 109 Foster Street. The woodwork for contracts in this section and the ornamental iron work as well are wrought in these shops. The Boston office is in the Essex Building, No. 683 Atlantic Avenue; the New York office at No. 101 Park Avenue; other offices are located in New Bedford, Providence, and Bridgeport. Mr. Bishop's son, John Warren Bishop, Jr., is vice-president and general manager, and Herbert N. Leach is treasurer of the company. Other vice-presidents are: Heywood S. French, Boston; Robert F. Brown, New York. The aggregate business for many years has amounted to several millions a year. Mr. Bishop had little time for other enterprises than his own, but organized various subsidiary companies to manufacture material used in his business. He was a director of the Clason Architectural Metal Works, and president of the Bishop Securities, Incorporated.

Mr. Bishop was a member of Athelstan Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Worcester County Mechanics' Association; the Worcester Country Club; the Turks Head Club, Providence, Rhode Island; and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. In politics he was a Republican. He attended, with his family, the Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Mr. Bishop married, January 4, 1870, Sarah A. Foster, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jane (Fales) Foster. Mrs. Bishop, who died October 17, 1923, was descended from Samuel Foster, the first of the family in this country, who was born in England in 1619, and settled in Dedham, early; and from James Fales, the immigrant, who came from England to Dedham in 1650. Lemuel Fales, of the fourth generation, was a soldier in the Revolution, and Abner Torrey, Jr., another ancestor of Mrs. Bishop, served in the Revolution. All her lines of ancestry are traced to the pioneers of New England. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop had the following children: 1. Mina, born January 24, 1871, died in infancy. 2. William Thomas, born February 25, 1872, died in October, 1911; he was associated with his father in business, and was vice-president of the J. W. Bishop Company. 3. Frederick Herbert, born November 19, 1874, died in infancy. 4. Florence Jane, born August 24, 1875. 5. Marion Edith, born August 16, 1877; married March 4, 1897, Thomas H. Coe, of Worcester. 6. John Warren, Jr., a sketch of whom follows. 7. Sarah Adelaide, born July 6, 1881, died May 12, 1912. 8. Alice Marie, born July 7, 1884, died in infancy. 9. Nathaniel Smart, born January 31, 1886, died April 13, 1904.

JOHN WARREN BISHOP, JR.—To hew to a given line is a task far more exacting than to cut full and free, and it is a debatable question whether the advantages of a distinguished ancestry outweigh the psychological handicap of a goal so lofty and difficult of attainment. When John Warren Bishop, Jr., entered active business life he was not confronted with the necessity of placing his family name in a position of commanding respectful attention and honor, but of so ordering his own endeavors that the high standards established by the founders of the business should be the measure of his own achievement. Responsibilities were early thrust upon him, and the burdens increased as he proved his ability to bear them. Thus for years he has shown himself able to maintain the prestige of the family name.

In Plymouth, England, the Bishop family, in this branch, was identified for many generations with such endeavors as added to the sum of human happiness and contributed to the general welfare and prosperity of the civic body. William Bishop, Mr. Bishop's grandfather, a ship carpenter by trade, emigrating from Plymouth to Canada in 1818, founded the family on this side of the Atlantic, settling at White Sands, Prince Edward Island. He later followed his trade for many years at St. John, New Brunswick, in the great shipyards of that city. He married Sarah Hooper, and the family removed to Lonsdale, Rhode Island, in 1857. Of the nine children of these parents, John Wilson Bishop, who was born at White Sands, Prince Edward Island, May 29, 1846, won an outstanding position in the construction world of New England, achieving, entirely through his own efforts and in the space of a few decades, such success as is ordinarily the result of consistent effort extending over several generations. The record of his achievement, which precedes this review of his son's life, is full of interest. Mr. Bishop married, January 4, 1870, Sarah A. Foster, whose distinguished ancestry links the Bishop line with many of the most noteworthy pioneers of New England of the seventeenth century.

John Warren Bishop, Jr., was born in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, January 14, 1880. The early years of his life were filled with intensive study, his attendance at the local grammar schools having been supplemented by private tuition along special lines, all governed by his purpose, early determined, of entering his father's business as an associate. At the age of seventeen years, Mr. Bishop took up his life work as an apprentice under his father's direction, in order that he might master in the most thoroughly practical way every mechanical detail of the business of which he was destined in time to be the head. Learning bricklaying and carpentry, he fitted himself for executive responsibility in the organization, and successively filled the offices of foreman and superintendent of construction, eventually being made manager of the business. He has now filled this office for some years with ability and ever-increasing success, and his significance to the enterprise is clearly revealed in the confidence of the workers in his leadership. He commands their loyal coöperation and their unqualified esteem. Mr. Bishop has for a number of years also filled the office of vice-president of the concern, and in his activities in every branch of its interests he is a force for advance. He is further active as a director of the Clason Architectural Metal



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Works, also of the Bishop Securities, Incorporated. Affiliated with organized endeavors in various fields, Mr. Bishop holds membership in the Isaiah Thomas Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Worcester, Massachusetts; and is also prominent in club circles as a member of the Worcester Country Club, Commonwealth Club of Worcester, the New Bedford Country Club, and the Wamsutta Club of New Bedford.

John W. Bishop married Ruby Dixon, daughter of Rufus S. and Cora (Bemis) Dixon, of Worcester, and they reside on Barre Road, Paxton.

THOMAS H. SAUNDERS, M. D.—In his preparation for his professional career, Dr. Saunders, of Webster, Massachusetts, attended some of the foremost institutions of the day, and in his experience of upwards of twenty years, has gained high standing among his colleagues and is now commanding an extensive and lucrative practice in Webster and vicinity. A native of this town and a member of a highly esteemed family, long established in Worcester County, he is a son of Thomas C. and Isabelle (Haggerty) Saunders, long residents of Webster, the father a carpenter in early life, but for many years active in business for himself.

Thomas H. Saunders was born at Webster, Massachusetts, September 27, 1878. His education was begun at St. Louis' Parochial School, graduating from the same high school in 1894. Following his high school course, he was employed in Webster for about three years, thereby augmenting his funds for his higher education and for a classical course. He went to Canada, entering Ottawa University, and then went to McGill University at Montreal, Canada, where he took a pre-medical course, then returned to the United States and entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and began his medical training, attending that college for three years. He completed his studies, however, at the University of Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately after obtaining his degree Dr. Saunders returned to his native town and took up the general practice of medicine. He has been very successful indeed, and commanding the confidence and esteem of the people from the first, has developed a very wide practice, principally along general medicines. Dr. Saunders is a director of the Webster National Bank and is interested in all that pertains to local advance. A Democrat by political affiliation, he served on the Webster Board of Health for three years, for the past ten years has been active as Town Physician, and in addition to this office he now holds that of School Physician. During the World War he offered his services to the government, and was made a member of the National Defense League. He now holds the rank of lieutenant in the Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, the Worcester Medical Society, and the Webster and Dudley Medical Club. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, of which he is medical examiner; the Foresters of America, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and he is a member of Putnam Country Club.

Dr. Saunders married Anna G. Mullan, of Putnam, daughter of ex-Mayor Edward and Elizabeth Mullan. Dr. and Mrs. Saunders have three children: Esther, Janet, and Mary.

HON. DANIEL THOMAS MORRILL—In the manufacture of marble and granite for memorials of many kinds, Mr. Morrill holds a leading position in southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, his plant being the only one of its kind in Southbridge. Mr. Morrill is a son of Michael D. Morrill, who was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and came to this country in his youth, settling in Worcester, Massachusetts, and later removing to Southbridge. As a young man he learned the marble and granite business, and this line of endeavor he followed throughout his life, his death occurring February 25, 1918. The mother, Ellen (Coffey) Morrill, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and died June 11, 1910.

Daniel Thomas Morrill was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, November 27, 1876. His education was acquired in the public and parochial schools of Southbridge, and after completing his studies he became associated with his father in the marble and granite business, as a partner. Mr. Morrill remained in this connection permanently and was active with his father until the death of the later, which occurred in 1918, and then took over the business as its head. At the same time he received into partnership his younger brother, Michael T. Morrill, of further mention; and the business has continued under this management since, not, however, having any change of name, its entire history having been carried forward under the title of M. D. Morrill & Son. In cemetery memorials, the Morrill works turn out some of the most beautiful specimens of artistic achievement that have been erected in this vicinity. In 1917 Mr. Morrill bought the undertaking business of William C. Callahan, one of the oldest businesses of its kind in this part of Worcester County. He graduated from the Massachusetts School of Embalming, in Boston, in 1918. Mr. Morrill has for many years been a leader in political affairs in Southbridge. Supporting the Democratic party, he was active as a Selectman for three years, and for twelve years served on the library committee, also on the cemetery committee. Never a seeker after public honors, his services have nevertheless been given in the spirit of helpfulness, and in every movement which has for its object the local advance or community welfare he takes a prominent and constructive part. In the year 1916 Daniel Thomas Morrill was elected to the Massachusetts State Legislature as a Representative from this town, and his record in the legislative halls of the State is such as to reflect credit not only upon himself, but upon his constituency. In 1917 he was elected a candidate of both parties. Daniel Thomas Morrill is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is widely known in fraternal circles, being a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and St. Mary's Total Abstinence Association. He is a member of St. Mary's Corporation, and attends St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Daniel Thomas Morrill married, on June 23, 1909, Mary

S. Mallahy, who was born at Sturbridge, Massachusetts, and they have one son, Daniel W., born May 23, 1918.

Michael T. Morrill, younger son of Michael D. and Ellen (Coffey) Morrill, was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, July 8, 1887. His education was acquired in the local parochial schools, and after completing his studies he took up railroading, in which line of endeavor he was active for about seven years. He then became prominent in the grocery business in Southbridge, and in this activity continued until the year 1918, when, upon the death of his father, he became associated with his elder brother, as noted above, in the enterprise known as M. D. Morrill & Son. Mr. Morrill has always taken a deep interest in the success of the concern, although he has been otherwise affiliated until recent years, and his experience in other lines of business effort he now finds of great value to him and to the present interest. Fraternally Michael T. Morrill is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, of which he is Past Grand Knight; Ancient Order of Hibernians; Loyal Order of Moose; St. Mary's Catholic Temperance Society; St. Mary's Alumni Association, and the American Legion, of which in this present year (1923) he is commander. Michael T. Morrill served in the United States Army Medical Corps during the World War, enlisting on July 29, 1918, and receiving his honorable discharge on May 4, 1919. In 1919 he was graduated from the Massachusetts School of Embalming, at Boston.

JAMES TATTERSALL, the son of a Lancashire textile worker, has progressed through all ranks of the weaving industry to the position he now holds as president of the Sterling Textile Mills, Inc., of Clinton, Massachusetts. He was born at Clitheroe, Lancashire, England, March 16, 1884, son of Joseph and Dinah (Tomlinson) Tattersall. His father is a member of an old English family, and on his mother's side Mr. Tattersall is related to a Lancashire family that has long been associated with the manufacture of textiles.

Mr. Tattersall was educated in the grammar school at Burnley, England, and at the Burnley Technical School. When his theoretical education was completed he turned at once to the mills of his home town in order to master the practical details of production. He worked in the cotton mills at Burnley as a weaver for some time, using his leisure hours for study and acquiring in this way an accurate and fundamental knowledge of the weaving industry. In 1903, when he was nineteen years old, he came to the United States and found employment at Fall River, Massachusetts. He spent some time at Fall River and then moved to Natick, Rhode Island, where a better opportunity had presented itself to him. From Natick, in the course of time, he proceeded to Fiskdale, Massachusetts, and entered the service of the Fiskdale Mills. After these broadening experiences Mr. Tattersall returned to Fall River and worked in the mills by day while attending the night sessions of the Fall River Textile School. When he had completed the course of study he had undertaken at this school, he became a loom fixer in one of the local mills at West Warren, Massachusetts. In 1906 Mr. Tattersall settled at Clinton and spent seven years as designer in the Lancaster Mills. In 1913 he was

offered and accepted a position as superintendent and designer in the mill belonging to C. J. Milne & Sons of Philadelphia. In this important position Mr. Tattersall was responsible for a large output of fine dress goods, shirtings, and cotton novelties. After continuing to supervise the work of this mill for two years he decided that the time had come for him to enter the business of manufacturing on his own account and, accordingly, in 1915, he began in a small way to manufacture high grade Turkish towels and towelings at Philadelphia. Of all the places in which he had lived during the years he had spent in America, none had impressed him so favorably as Clinton, and he had always entertained the hope that he might some day return to the hills of Western Massachusetts. Shortly after he became an independent manufacturer at Philadelphia, a way of gratifying this ambition opened out before him. He had an opportunity to rent the old Wall-Trunk factory at Clinton and at once entered into a long-term lease of the property. Moving his business from Philadelphia to this new location as expeditiously as possible, Mr. Tattersall opened the doors of his Clinton factory in August, 1915, and was soon obliged to work overtime to supply the demand for his product, a demand which had already begun to show the effect of the World War upon production. He continued his business with great success until January 17, 1917, as an individual business, and then incorporated it under the name of the Sterling Textile Mills, of which he became president, the position he still holds. In 1917, when the incorporation took place, the authorized capital amounted to \$50,000. In 1922 the authorized capital amounted to \$100,000, and the increase must be taken as an indication of Mr. Tattersall's success.

Although he is not a politician, Mr. Tattersall is deeply interested in political affairs. He is a member of the Republican party and always votes the straight Republican ticket in national affairs, but is independent in local politics. In local affairs he exerts a great deal of influence in the direction of social welfare and increased educational facilities, and is strongly in favor of public recreational facilities. He is a member of the Episcopal church, also vestryman of same, and takes an active interest in the affairs of his church at Clinton.

Mr. Tattersall married, in 1910, Margaret A. Smith, daughter of William J. and Nancy Smith, of England. Mr. and Mrs. Tattersall have two children: James A., who was born at Clinton, Massachusetts, February 19, 1912; and Margaret Nancy, who was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 7, 1915.

CHARLES D. WHITNEY—A leading figure in the real estate and insurance business in Millbury, Massachusetts, is Charles D. Whitney, who for the past nine years has been active along this same line and has brought to his work in this connection a splendid breadth of experience which has been of inestimable value to him and has counted definitely for the advance of the community. Mr. Whitney is a native of Chicago, Illinois, and is a son of Charles A. Whitney, who was born in Princeton, Massachusetts, and went to Chicago as a young man. He was active there as a manufacturer of shoes for many years. His death occurred in 1912 in Millbury. The mother, Martha E. (Waters) Whitney,



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was born in Millbury, Massachusetts, and still survives her husband.

Charles D. Whitney was born in Chicago, Illinois, March 18, 1866, and his education was acquired in the public schools of his native city. In 1890 he became associated with the Adams Express Company in Millbury, Massachusetts, with which he was identified until after it was taken over by the American Railway Express. He remained with this organization until the year 1914, then for three years acted as their agent in connection with his present business, the insurance business, by purchasing an old established agency, and in connection therewith has also handled real estate. He has met with marked success in these allied fields. He has handled large interests in real estate, taking a constructive and broadly practical part in the development activities of the community as well as handling much realty on a brokerage basis. In insurance he represents several of the old line companies and also various modern forms of protection, such as automobile, industrial, life, accident, health, and others. During his many years of residence in the town of Millbury, Mr. Whitney of necessity has been in close touch with the local advance, and in 1914 he was elected Town Clerk, in which capacity he has since been active, still ably filling this office. He was also Town Constable for a number of years. His work in the public service has contributed in a marked degree to the progress of the community and the welfare of the people. Fraternally, Mr. Whitney is identified with Olive Branch Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Worshipful Master; and Tyrian Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, both of Millbury. He is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is Past Grand of Morning Star Lodge. He attends the Federated church of Millbury.

Mr. Whitney married, in 1892, Nellie L. White, who was born in Chicago, and they have one son, Raymond C., born March 19, 1893, who served during the World War as a member of the Harvard University Medical Reserve Corps. He married Dorothy Belknap.

JAMES F. CUDDY, M. D.—Among the successful men of the medical profession in Worcester County is Dr. Cuddy, who for the past sixteen years has been engaged in ministering to a very large general practice in Athol, Massachusetts. His offices are located at No. 585 Main Street.

James Henry Cuddy, father of Dr. Cuddy, was born in Ireland, and as a young man came to this country and settled in North Brookfield, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits to the time of his retirement. He is now living in North Brookfield, Massachusetts. He married Anne Pratt, also a native of Ireland, who died in North Brookfield, Massachusetts, in the house in which Dr. Cuddy was born, July 21, 1921. They were the parents of seven children: Thomas F., who resides in North Brookfield, married Katherine Doyle; Anne, who married John J. Sullivan, of Leominster, Massachusetts; Julia E., who resides in Leominster, Massachusetts; Mary, who married John J. Dorney, of Leicester, Massachusetts, died in North Brookfield in 1905; Sarah M., who is living in North Brookfield; Stella, who is supervisor of physical culture in the

public schools of New Britain, Connecticut; and James F., of further mention.

Dr. James F. Cuddy, son of James Henry and Anne (Pratt) Cuddy, was born in North Brookfield, Massachusetts, January 18, 1882, and received his early and preparatory education in the public schools of his native city. After the completion of his high school course he became a student in the Baltimore Medical College, which is now known as the University of Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1905 with the degree Doctor of Medicine. He then served an internship of one year at the Metropolitan Hospital, in New York City, after which he opened an office in Worcester, where he was engaged in general practice for one year. At the end of that time he removed to Athol, Massachusetts, and opened an office at No. 585 Main Street. There he has been successfully engaged in general practice for more than sixteen years, and has built up a very large clientele in Athol and the surrounding country. He is well known and highly esteemed both among his many patients and among those with whom he is associated in civic and social relationship. He is a stockholder in the Athol National Bank, and serves as medical examiner for his district. Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party. During the World War he served as a member of the Medical Advisory Board, having been appointed by President Wilson. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 847, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts; and with the Knights of Columbus, of Athol, in which he holds fourth degree. He keeps in touch with the progress of his profession through membership in the Massachusetts State Medical Society and the Worcester North Medical Society, and is also a member of the Foresters of America, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Poquaug Club, of Athol. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic church.

Dr. James F. Cuddy married, on January 15, 1908, at Worcester, Massachusetts, Clare E. Quinn, of Worcester, daughter of Thomas H. and Mina (Kennedy) Quinn. Mrs. Cuddy was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, August 30, 1885. Dr. and Mrs. Cuddy are the parents of one daughter, Arlin Clare, who was born July 27, 1909, now attending Notre Dame Academy at Roxbury, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM W. BUCKLEY—In legal circles in Southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, William W. Buckley is a prominent figure, and his success in his chosen profession has brought him into more than local repute. Broadly active in various branches of civic, fraternal, and social advance, Mr. Buckley holds an enviable position in the community and is numbered among the noteworthy men of the day in Worcester County. He is a son of Cornelius Buckley, who was born in Limerick, Ireland, and was engaged in railway construction work until his retirement. The mother, Ellen (Wallace) Buckley, was born in Cork, Ireland, and died in 1916.

William W. Buckley was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts, September 6, 1881. Receiving his early education in the Murdock School in that city, he later entered the University of Maine, from which he was graduated in the class of 1901 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Thereafter entering Maine Law School, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Before the close of the same year he was admitted to the bar of his native State and entered practice in Fitchburg, where he remained until 1904. Then coming to Southbridge, he established his offices here at No. 67 Main Street and has continued here until the present time. An able lawyer and a forceful and persuasive speaker, Mr. Buckley has taken a leading part in the public life of the community for more than fifteen years. A supporter of the Democratic party, he was elected Town Clerk of Southbridge in the year 1907 and has acted in this capacity continuously since, still fulfilling the duties of this office. He has served as the Southbridge Town Counsel for ten years, and during the World War did a great deal in the many home activities of the period. He served as a member of the Fuel Commission for the State of Massachusetts under the United States Government, and also acted as chairman of the Home Service Committee and secretary of the Public Service Committee. Giving of his best not only to the offices in which he is active, but to the many organized endeavors which contribute to the advancement of the community, he is now president of the Worcester County, City, and Town Clerk Association, and is also a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce, in which he is an influential force for progress. Fraternally Mr. Buckley is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus, of which he is Past District Deputy, Sir Knight, and in 1914 was a delegate to the Supreme Convention at St. Paul, and again in 1915, to Seattle, Washington. At this time he made a tour of the United States and Canada. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His choice of recreations is motoring.

Mr. Buckley married, in 1916, Ida Costello, who was born in Portland, Maine, and they have two daughters: Lenore and Constance.

EDWARD FULLER MINER—With interests centering in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, Edward F. Miner has for many years been active in the general building and constructing field, the scope of his work extending to distant points in New England, and its quality being of the highest. He has built many important structures in several States, and is counted one of the foremost men in structural engineering circles in this part of the country. A native of the State of Connecticut, Mr. Miner is a son of George Henry and Phoebe Ann (Fuller) Miner, and a descendant of Thomas Miner, who came to Boston in 1630 and was one of the original settlers of Stonington, Connecticut, and of Edward Fuller, one of the founders of the family in this country.

Edward F. Miner was born at Vernon, Connecticut, October 13, 1862. His education was begun in the public schools, and following his high school course and special courses at Wesleyan Academy, he entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in the class of 1887, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His first business experience was with the firm of Norcross Brothers, of Worcester, Massachusetts, at that

time the leading concern of general contractors. Mr. Miner continued with this concern for a period of sixteen years, rising to a position of large responsibility in their employ and gaining a wealth of valuable experience. He then organized the Central Building Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts, of which he became president. He continued at the head of this organization for nine years, and during his connection with it erected many buildings of general interest, a few of which may be mentioned herein. He erected the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Building of Springfield, Massachusetts; the electrical engineering laboratory of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Webster Hall, Dartmouth College; the New Hampshire Historical Society Building, of Concord, New Hampshire; the extension of the State Capitol at Concord, New Hampshire; Grace Chapin Hall, at Williams College, and many buildings of lesser interest. In 1912 Mr. Miner organized the Edward F. Miner Building Company, of which he became president, H. Willard Miner acting as treasurer. In this connection also Mr. Miner erected many important buildings in various cities, including the Masonic Temple of Worcester, the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association Building, the Worcester Academy gymnasium, All Saints' Church of Peterboro, New Hampshire; the Bank of Commerce at New London, Connecticut; St. George's Memorial School Building at Newport, Rhode Island; the George A. Draper mausoleum at Hopedale, Massachusetts, and many other structures of similar character. Mr. Miner is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Engineers' Club of New York City, and the Allied Engineers' Society of Boston. He is broadly interested in all that pertains to educational advance, and has served for some years as chairman of the Educational Committee of the Worcester Division of Northeastern University, and is also a trustee of the university. A student along many lines himself, his special interest and pleasure is in mineralogy and astronomy. He is a director of the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association, and socially is identified with the Worcester Club and the University Club of Worcester. He is a member and trustee of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church of Worcester.

Mr. Miner married, June 26, 1890, Flora M. Spencer, of Hazardville, Connecticut, daughter of John N. and Matilda E. (Hooker) Spencer, both members of old New England families.

DR. GEORGE ARTEMAS BROWN—The work accomplished by Dr. Brown during his long connection with the School for Feeble-Minded Youths at Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, would entitle him to a high place in the esteem of his fellow-citizens, even if that work represented the entire sum of his achievements. As a matter of fact, however, that constructive achievement is only a part of the numerous and varied fields in which Dr. Brown has rendered service to the community in which he lives. In financial and civic affairs, as well as in the political activities of the Republican party, he has contributed much and he has also traveled extensively.

Dr. Brown is a descendant in the eighth generation of Thomas and Bridget Brown, who came to this coun-



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try from England and settled in Concord, Massachusetts, in 1638. Thomas Brown died November 3, 1688. From him the line continues through Thomas (2), born in Concord, in 1651; Ephraim, born April 21, 1689; Thomas (3), born December 26, 1720; and Jonas, born December 15, 1752; to Ephraim Brown, Dr. Brown's grandfather.

Ephraim Brown, son of Jonas Brown, was born in Temple, New Hampshire, July 13, 1790, and settled in Wilton, New Hampshire, where he followed the printer's trade in connection with farming. He had much mechanical ingenuity, and in 1838 invented a threshing machine, which much resembles those in use at the present time. He was one of the most prominent men in Wilton in his day, taking an active interest in all matters of public importance. He was a member of the Unitarian church. Politically he was a Whig. He died in Wilton December 11, 1840. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah King, was born in Wilton November 4, 1797, and died in 1890, aged ninety-three years. Their children were: Sarah M., who was born November 7, 1817, and died December 2, 1818; Ephraim, Jr., born October 1, 1819, and died in Lowell Massachusetts; Abigail K., born December 9, 1821, who died December 29, 1824; Dr. George, of further mention; Abigail M., born July 28, 1828, died July 17, 1852; Diantha B., born February 1, 1831, died in Barre in 1901; and Erastus, born March 5, 1834, who died in infancy.

Dr. George Brown, son of Ephraim and Sarah (King) Brown, was born in Wilton, New Hampshire, October 11, 1823, and died at Barre, Massachusetts, May 6, 1892. He was fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Andover; was graduated from Burlington College, Vermont; began the study of medicine with Dr. Norman Smith, of Groton, Massachusetts; matriculated at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; and was graduated from the medical department of the University of New York. In 1850 he located for practice in Barre, and the following year became so deeply interested in a private school for feeble-minded youth, which had been established in June, 1848, by Dr. Hervey Wilbur, that he decided to take upon himself the proprietorship and superintendency, which from that time forward constituted his life work. New quarters were soon provided, a splendid estate of two hundred and fifty acres, situated at an altitude of 1,000 feet above sea level, being utilized for the purpose; and by the inauguration of a system of manual and mental training, conceived by the philanthropic physician and his intellectual wife, who became equally devoted to the cause, this school rose from a small beginning to be the largest private institution of its kind in the United States. Aside from the care of the school, the doctor was actively interested in the welfare and prosperity of the town and its public institutions, taking the necessary measures for the planting of trees in the parks and otherwise beautifying its surroundings.

He was one of the founders of the library association and of the Glen Valley Cemetery Association, being president of the former until his death, and all other movements instigated for the benefit of the general community were sure of receiving his hearty co-operation and support. He was especially devoted to

educational matters, being twice a member of the School Board. He was for years one of the leading members of the Congregational church, and contributed liberally toward its support. Originally a Whig in politics, he joined the ranks of the Republican party at its formation.

Dr. Brown married, on November 28, 1850, Catharine Wood, born in Groton, June 13, 1827, and died October 28, 1907, daughter of Artemas and Susan (Barber) Wood. Madam Catharine W. Brown, who labored diligently for the welfare of the feeble-minded children under her charge, was a descendant of William Wood, an Englishman, who settled in Concord, Massachusetts, in 1638, and died there in 1671. Her ancestry is traced through William's son, Michael, who died in 1674; Michael's son, John, who died January 3, 1729; John Wood, second, who was born September 13, 1680, and died July 12, 1746; and his son, Ensign John Wood, born March 1, 1716, who died in Mason, New Hampshire, December 12, 1785; to Colonel James Wood, her grandfather an officer in the New Hampshire Militia, who was born November 4, 1755, and died July 31, 1831. Artemas Wood, Madam Brown's father, was born in Mason, New Hampshire, August 9, 1791. Settling in Groton, Massachusetts, he was for many years engaged in mercantile business, and later became a trusted official of the Worcester & Nashua Railroad Company, acting as station agent for some time. He married Susan Barber, and became the father of seven children, namely: Artemas, Jr., Emily, Elizabeth, Samuel P., Catharine, now Madam Brown; Jonathan A., and Marcella. Artemas Wood died June 30, 1866. The late Dr. George Brown left one son, George Artemas, of further mention.

George Artemas Brown, son of Dr. George and Catharine (Wood) Brown, was born in Barre, Massachusetts, April 18, 1858. After receiving his early school training in the public schools of Barre, he prepared for college at Phillips Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts, graduating with the class of 1876. In 1880 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Yale College, and at once began the study of medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, completing his course there in 1883, when he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After graduation from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, he returned to Barre, Massachusetts, and at once identified himself with his father's work in the Elm Hill School for Feeble-Minded Children. Since that time his connection with that institution has been continuous, and a very large portion of his time and energy has been devoted to the advancement of its interests. Upon the death of his father, in 1892, he became superintendent of the school, and that position he has continued to hold to the present time. He has taken several supplementary courses in nervous diseases and has kept in touch with every advance made by the medical profession in the study of the causes and the treatment of feeble-mindedness, in order that he might give to those under his care the very best possible treatment. He has devoted the best of his ability and the major portion of his energy to the improvement of the system and has accomplished results which merit the highest praise.

When his father, Dr. Brown, Sr., took charge of the institutions it was an ordinary dwelling house, giving accommodation to only fifteen patients. It is now an estate of two hundred and fifty acres, with several large buildings and modern equipment for the most advanced work in educating the feeble-minded, and accommodates seventy-five pupils. Dr. Brown is a member of the State and County Medical Societies, the Brookfield Medical Club, and the New England Psychological Society, now called Psychiatry Society. He was president of the Association of Superintendents of Schools for Feeble-Minded Youth. He is actively concerned in matters of public interest, being president of the Barre Library Association; past vice-president of the Village Improvement Society, and now one of its trustees; ex-treasurer and president of the Glen Valley Cemetery Association, of which he is now a trustee, as well as having served for twenty years as a member of the School Committee, of which he was chairman for many years; ex-member of the Board of Health, and former Tree Warden. He served as president of and was the largest stockholder in the Barre Water Works, which he was instrumental in establishing and which is now town property. He is a stockholder in the Barre National Bank, and was one of the incorporators of the Barre Savings Bank. He has always been active politically, and several times was appointed a delegate to the conventions of the Republican party. He owns a large amount of property in Barre, and has been persistent in his efforts to contribute to the growth and development of the community in which he lives. With all his numerous responsibilities, Dr. Brown has found time for extensive travel. He visited Europe in 1881 and again in 1907, and has travelled extensively in the United States. In the winter of 1922 he visited Jamaica. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church, which he has served as clerk of the parish since 1886.

At Bethel, Connecticut, May 18, 1887, George Artemas Brown married Susan Emily Barnum, daughter of Edmund Romaine and Maria (Durant) Barnum. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of five children, four of whom are living: 1. Dr. George Percy, born April 17, 1888, was graduated from Yale University in 1911, and from Harvard University in 1915, with the degree of M. D., and since the latter year has been engaged with his father in practice in Barre. He was elected to Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity at Yale, and is a member of Mt. Zion Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He married, August 15, 1916, Mary Elizabeth Hicks, daughter of W. E. and Caroline (Davis) Hicks, and they are the parents of two children: Durant Hicks, born June 9, 1917; and Elizabeth Seabury, born June 20, 1922. 2. Catharine Durant, born September 17, 1889, a graduate of Wellesley College, A. B., class of 1912, received her M. A. at Columbia University in 1914. She married, December 25, 1914, Donald G. Campbell, who died December 16, 1921, son of Neil Campbell. Their children are: Donald Durant, born September 26, 1915; and Gordon Freeston, born May 2, 1917. 3. Donald Romaine, born April 13, 1895, was graduated from Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, in the class of 1918, receiving his Ph. B. in 1920. During the World War he served in the United States Navy, where he won the rank of ensign, making three trips to Europe while on

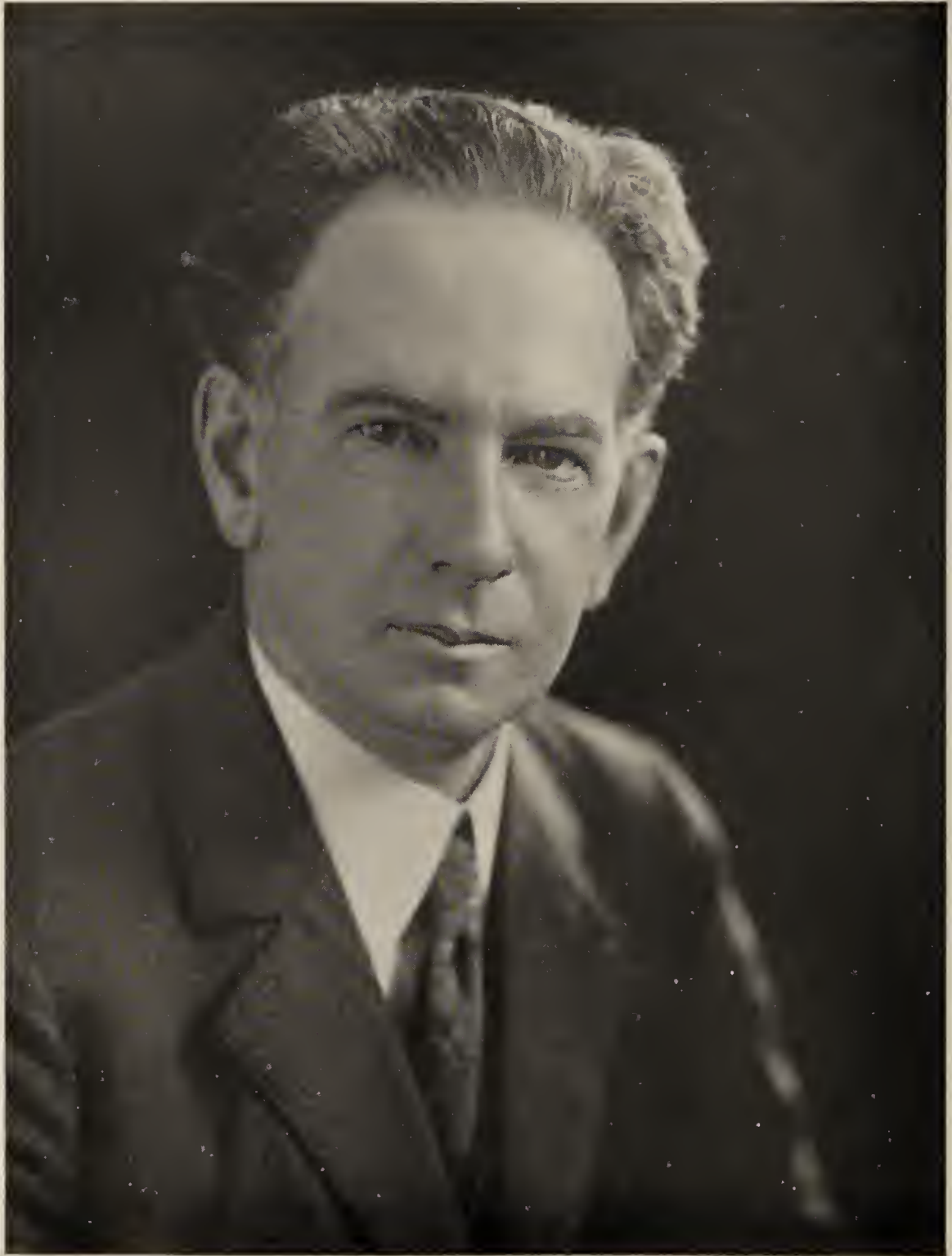
active service. He is also a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, and Mt. Zion Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. 4. Susan, born January 7, 1898, died the same day. 5. Evelyn Laura, born December 3, 1902, is a student at Wellesley College, class of 1925.

RALPH R. HARRIS—Ralph R. Harris is a leading figure in the younger group of professional men of Worcester County, Massachusetts, handling a large and constantly increasing legal practice in Leominster. Associated with many branches of progressive effort as well, he is broadly representative of the public-spirited man of the day, who in all his activities bears in mind the general welfare. He is a son of Charles W. and Harriett (McKenney) Harris, his father for many years a prominent farmer of this county. His maternal grandfather, Oliver H. McKenney, was a veteran of the Civil War.

Ralph R. Harris was born on the farm in Lunenburg, Worcester County, Massachusetts, November 1, 1891. His education was begun in the public schools of Leominster, to which place the family moved when he was an infant, and after completing the high school course he entered the Northeastern College of Law at Boston, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1914, with the degree of LL. B. Admitted to the bar of his native State in January, 1915, Mr. Harris became associated in practice with Clarence E. Tupper, of Worcester, Massachusetts, having charge of the Fitchburg office, where he continued for about one year. He then came to Leominster, and opening an office at No. 42 Main Street, entered upon the practice of the law independently. He has developed an extensive clientele, and has gained an assured footing in the profession, now standing among the well known and successful men of the day in this section. He is also interested financially in the Harris Ice Company of Leominster, one of the progressive business organizations of this town, of which he is treasurer, founder, and chief owner. Mr. Harris served in the World War, enlisting in May, 1918, and was assigned to the Officers' Training Corps at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia. He was made ordnance sergeant of the first class and assigned to headquarters as executive clerk to the personal adjutant of Colonel Benet. Serving from May, 1918, to April, 1919, in this capacity, he received his discharge from the service in April, 1919, and returned to his interrupted professional activities.

A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Harris is a leading worker in local affairs, and is now serving as chairman of the Republican City Committee of Leominster, now serving his second term, 1921-23, and 1923-25. For three years, during 1917-18-19, he was a member of the School Committee and was auditor of same. He is well known fraternally in this vicinity, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Masonic Club, also of the Leominster Grange, of which he is Past Master. He is a popular member of the Sons of Veterans, of which at this time (1923) he is Senior Vice-Commander and Commander in 1924.

Mr. Harris married, in September, 1920, Ruth R. Pillsbury. He is a member of the Congregational church of Leominster, and president of the board of trustees. His favorite recreations are camping and traveling.



Allen L. Adams

THOMAS F. DENNEY—In one of the leading groups of younger executives in Worcester County, Massachusetts, Thomas F. Denney, of Gardner, Massachusetts, is commanding the attention of the furniture trade in the East as president of the Gardner Upholstered Furniture Company, manufacturers of living room suites of distinctive design and permanent artistic value. Mr. Denney is only thirty years of age, but his position in his chosen field of endeavor appraises very definitely the energy and ability which have made him a noteworthy figure in an important industrial field.

The Denney family came originally from Ireland. James H. Denney, Mr. Denney's father, was born in Salem, Massachusetts. He was for thirty-six years section foreman on the railroad between Hubbardston and Gardner, was a man of highest character, esteemed by all who knew him. He died in March, 1918. The mother, Julia A. (Fitzgerald) Denney, was born in Dingle, Ireland, and came to the United States as a child of twelve years with her widowed mother. She passed away in February, 1923.

Thomas F. Denney was born at Hubbardston, Massachusetts, December 21, 1892. His education was begun in the public schools of his birthplace, and he was graduated from the Hubbardston High School in the class of 1909. Thereafter attending Worcester Business Institute, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1911, and immediately entered the business world. His first position was in the employ of the John A. Dunn Company, in which connection he acted as cost clerk for a short time only, then became identified with C. B. Kendall & Company, dealers in coal and ice. With the latter concern he remained for about three years, after which he associated himself with the W. L. Shaughnessy Company, manufacturers of casket hardware. Mr. Denney represented this interest on the road as a commercial salesman until he enlisted for service in the World War, in July, 1917. He was sent overseas with the first unit of the Gas Service, and remained with this command during the entire period of the war, serving eighteen and a half months overseas. During this time he was stationed in London, England, and at various points in France. Mr. Denney was a passenger on the steamship "Leicester," an English vessel plying between Hollyhead, Wales, and Kingston, Ireland. This vessel was torpedoed by German submarines in the Irish Sea on October 11, 1918, and Mr. Denney was one of the one hundred and sixty survivors of the catastrophe, from the eight hundred and ninety-one souls on board the vessel. He was severely injured, his right arm rendered useless. The vessel was struck by two torpedoes and sank in eight minutes. Mr. Denney managed to cling to bits of wreckage and keep his head above water for the two hours and twenty minutes which elapsed before he was picked up by a rescue boat. The armistice was signed before he was again fit for service, and in February, 1919, he was returned to the United States and received his honorable discharge from the service ten days after his arrival on this side.

The following August Mr. Denney became associated with James H. Noonan and William A. Earle in the organization of the Gardner Upholstered Furniture Com-

pany, Inc., Mr. Denney becoming president of the concern. These three young men, all with practical experience, founded the business principally upon their high courage and faith in themselves and in the taste of the buying public. Their cash capital was a negligible quantity. But though they have as yet been active as a manufacturing concern less than four years, they have reached a high position, and now hold the attention of the entire manufacturing world of New England. They make nothing but richly elegant upholstered furniture. The artistic standard of their product has received remarkable recognition in their having been chosen the one New England firm to exhibit at the "Home Beautiful" show in Boston, in April, 1923. In March, 1921, the members of this corporation organized the Hubbardston Chair Company, in Hubbardston, Worcester County, Massachusetts, for the manufacture of wood seat chairs and specialties in the chair trade, of which Mr. Denney is the managing director.

Mr. Denney is well known fraternally, being a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and the local post of the American Legion.

ALLEN LONGFELLOW ADAMS holds a broadly responsible position in the business world of Worcester County, Massachusetts, as executive secretary of the Typothetæ of Worcester. Broadly interested in every phase of public advance, and an able and efficient executive, Mr. Adams has been identified with various lines of business allied with the printing trade, and for the past three years has filled his present position. He is also prominent in social and fraternal circles in Worcester.

Mr. Adams is a son of John Adams, who was born at Gray, Maine, and was engaged as a carpenter until his death, which occurred in 1886, when his son was only a child. John Adams was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in Company K, 7th Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, as a private.

Allen Longfellow Adams was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, March 26, 1882. Following his elementary studies in the local schools, he entered Worcester High School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1900. Thereafter he covered a special course at Boston University in employment management and public speaking, also took special courses at the Young Men's Christian Association and the Post Business College of Worcester, from which he was graduated in the class of 1902. Mr. Adams' first business experience was in the employ of the Logan, Swift & Brigham Envelope Company of Worcester, with which he was identified for a period of eighteen years. During this time he rose from the position of stenographer to that of paymaster of the factory and employment manager, and he filled these responsibilities efficiently and to the benefit both of the concern and its working force. In 1920 Mr. Adams accepted the office of executive secretary of the Typothetæ of Worcester, and is still active in this connection. His administrative ability and his broad sympathies, as well as his progressive spirit, fit him well for the work in which he is now engaged, and he is counted among the really influential men of Wor-

cester. He has various affiliations in the allied organizations of this city, serving as trustee of the Worcester County Mechanics' Association, as treasurer of the Club of Printing House Craftsmen of Worcester, and serving on the Citizenship Committee of the Public Education Association. He also is a member of the Worcester Association of Cost Accountants, and is identified with the Worcester Advertising Club and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He was the editor of a unique work entitled, "Three Centuries of New England Achievements," of which only one copy was published, and that was presented to President Harding in 1922 by the Printing Craftsmen of New England. Mr. Adams is a regular contributor to various printing trade magazines.

During the World War Mr. Adams served on the special State committee which was headed by Colonel Gaston, of Boston, to investigate the conduct of employment offices, Federal, State, and private, and further served as cost advisor in the Northeast Division of the United States Signal Corps during the war. Fraternally Mr. Adams is identified with Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; and is also a member of the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Adams married, in 1907, Winifred W. Doyle, who was born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and they reside at No. 92 High Ridge Road, Worcester.

QUINCY H. MERRILL, M. D.—In professional circles in Webster, Massachusetts, in the public service, and in fraternal advance, Dr. Merrill is a broadly prominent figure. A native of the State of New Hampshire and a member of an old family of that section, Dr. Merrill is a son of Rev. James Louis and Jennie M. (Heald) Merrill. His father was a Congregational clergyman, and for many years was a pastor of churches at South Royalston and Arlington, Massachusetts.

Quincy H. Merrill was born at Milford, New Hampshire, September 24, 1874. Securing his early education in the local grammar and high schools, he later attended Phillips-Andover Academy, after which he entered the University of Pennsylvania for his course in the liberal arts, then took up the study of medicine at the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in the class of 1898 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Opening his offices at Leominster, Massachusetts, he remained in that city in active practice until the year 1905, when he settled permanently in Webster. He has developed a very extensive practice in this community, principally along general lines, but has kept in touch with all medical advance. Dr. Merrill is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, the Worcester County Medical Society, and the Webster and Dudley Medical Club. A Republican by political affiliation, he was brought forward in the public service some years ago, and for nine years has served on the School Committee of the town of Dudley, acting as chairman of this committee for seven years. He is also a member of the Board of Health, and serves as school physician in the town of Dudley. During the World War he was very active in all movements in the support of American Ex-

peditionary Forces, and served on Medical Advisory Board No. 10, at Palmer, Massachusetts, also as a member of the Council of National Diseases. Dr. Merrill's more personal interests include membership in Webster Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; also in the Knights of Pythias; and the Alpha Kappa Kappa college fraternity. He attends the Congregational church of Dudley.

Dr. Merrill married Mabel A. Winters, of Milford, New Hampshire, and they have one daughter, Marion.

CHARLES J. O'CONNELL—In legal circles in Worcester County, Massachusetts, Charles J. O'Connell is a leading figure, and with offices in the city of Worcester he is taking a prominent part in the professional advance, his influence counting for all that contributes to the welfare and progress of the people. Mr. O'Connell is a man of ability, alert to public affairs and general conditions. He is a son of Daniel O'Connell, who was born in Ireland, and was active throughout his lifetime as a machinist, a man of upright spirit, esteemed by all who knew him. He died in 1902. The mother, Bridget (Shea) O'Connell, was also born in Ireland, and died in 1915.

Charles J. O'Connell was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, August 1, 1880. His education was begun in the local public schools, and having early determined upon his choice of a profession, the young man entered Boston University Law School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1909, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Within the year he took up the practice of his chosen profession in the city of his birth, and in the fourteen years which have since elapsed he has won large success. With offices at Nos. 630-32 State Mutual Building, he handles a general practice, and his natural ability and close attention to the interests of his clients have carried him to an enviable position in the profession. He is a member of the State and County bar associations and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is prominent, being a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, also of the Knights of Columbus, of which he has been advocate for the past seven years. He is identified with the Washington Club, in which he has held various offices; and his religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mr. O'Connell married, in 1917, Mary E. LaVache, who was born in Marseilles, France, and they are the parents of two children: Donald and Charles J., Jr.

EDWARD H. SAXTON—The name Saxton or Sexton is a very ancient one and is derived, it is believed, from the office of Sacristan, now known as the sexton or verger of a church; indeed there is a record of one Hugh Sacristan, living in County Kent, England, in 1273. There is a parish in Yorkshire named Sexton, which may have given its name to some of the family residing there when surnames were adopted, and even the parish may have taken its name from the same church office. The American families, Saxton-Sexton, seem to have descended from one George Saxton, who was of Westfield, Massachusetts, and there died in the year 1689. There were five men named Sexton or Saxton on record as coming to New England prior to 1650—



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Giles, Peter, Thomas, Richard, and George. The first two were Puritan ministers, who did not permanently remain in the colonies, but returned to England, where they died. Thomas settled in Boston and undoubtedly left descendants: Richard settled in Windsor, Connecticut, and George in Westfield, where his oldest son Benjamin, was born in 1667. He later was in Windsor, Connecticut, where another son, John, was born May 26, 1673. He returned, however, to Westfield, Massachusetts, where he died in old age. In fact, length of years seems to be a family attribute, for a descendant, Major S. Willard Sexton, is now (1923) living in Washington, District of Columbia, at the age of ninety-four, and is described as still being "hale and hearty." Major Sexton reviews a long and useful life, during which he has borne his part well. He has shirked no duty, but has met every responsibility fairly, and he is honored and esteemed in his community, as he deserves to be, and is worthy of his title, "grand old man." His son, Edward H. Saxton, whose name furnishes the caption of this review, is one of Leominster's prosperous business men, with Boston interests and connections.

Edward H. Saxton is a son of Major S. Willard and Mary G. (Grant) Saxton (both of whom are living in Washington, District of Columbia), his father a retired officer of the United States Army. He was born in Amesbury, Massachusetts, and there was educated in the public schools. He early found a connection with the jewelry business and became thoroughly familiar with that line as a commercial activity. He finally established, in Boston, the E. H. Saxton Company, wholesale jewelers, a company of which he is yet treasurer, that business being now located at No. 387 Washington Street, Boston. In 1914 Mr. Saxton bought a controlling interest in the Leominster Shell Goods Manufacturing Company of Leominster, Massachusetts, and shortly afterwards incorporated that business with Edward H. Saxton as president. In 1912 the company bought out the Yale Novelty Company, a quarter of a million dollar corporation, which they operate as the Yale Division of the Leominster Shell Goods Manufacturing Company. Mr. Saxton is now the principal owner of the enterprise, as he is of the Boston corporation, the E. H. Saxton Company. The New York offices of the company are at No. 1328 Broadway. For three terms Mr. Saxton was president of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce, being the first executive head elected by the chamber upon its organization. He is a member of the Massachusetts Associated Industries and active in the deliberations and work of that body. For two years he was a member of the executive committee of the Massachusetts State Chamber of Commerce, and national councillor of the United States Chamber of Commerce of America. In the Masonic order Mr. Saxton is affiliated with Mt. Hermon Lodge, also with the chapter and commandery of Knights Templar. He is a member of the Leominster Club, Pine Orchard Country Club, Sachems Head Yacht Club, and the Monoosnock Country Club. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Unitarian church. His recreations are golf, fishing, and yachting, and he travels extensively, chiefly on pleasure. He has a beautiful summer home at Sachems Head, Long Island Sound.

Mr. Saxton married Meda B. Dobbs, of Port Jervis, New York. Mrs. Saxton is a member of the Thursday Musical Club, which she aided in organizing, and of the Fortnightly Club of Leominster, taking an active interest in both clubs and in the social life of the community.

NORMAN H. FARR—Among the notably successful business men of Leominster is Norman H. Farr, owner and proprietor of Farr's Pharmacy of Keene, New Hampshire, and secretary and vice-president of the Leominster Shell Goods Manufacturing Company, with offices at No. 1328 Broadway, New York City, and No. 387 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Farr as born in Keene, New Hampshire, January 9, 1890, son of Fred M. Farr, a native of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, who was engaged as a pattern-maker and as a musician during the greater part of his life, and of Mary (Hills) Farr, who was born in Swansey, New Hampshire, both of whom are now living in Keene, New Hampshire. Norman H. Farr received his education in the public schools of Keene, New Hampshire, and after completing his high school course, found his first position as clerk in a drug store in Keene, where he remained for a year and a half. At the end of that time he associated himself with the Newburyport Silver Company of Keene, and that connection he maintained for a period of two and a half years, at the end of which time, in 1915, having accumulated sufficient capital, he purchased the drug business formerly known as the Hodgkins Pharmacy, in Keene, New Hampshire. That business he has continuously and successfully conducted up to the present time (1923). In 1918 Mr. Farr removed to Leominster and became associated with the Leominster Shell Goods Manufacturing Company, of which he is now secretary and vice-president. The concern is a prosperous and growing one and its products are sent to all parts of the country. Mr. Farr is well known in Masonic circles, being a member of Lodge of the Temple, No. 88, Free and Accepted Masons, of Keene, New Hampshire; of Cheshire Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Keene; Hugh de Payne Commandery, Knights Templar, of Keene; and of the Masonic Club of Leominster. He is also a member of the Leominster Club, the Monoosnock Country Club, and the Keene (New Hampshire) Chamber of Commerce. He attends St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Leominster.

On June 28, 1913, Mr. Farr married Florence Herick, who was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, and they are the parents of one daughter, Jane, who was born October 6, 1919.

LUCIUS B. CRANSKA, as the head of an important manufacturing industry in Worcester, Massachusetts, as well as of the parent plant in Moosup, Connecticut, is a noteworthy figure in the business life of his section. The Cranska interests have for nearly half a century been centred in the manufacture of cotton yarns and thread, producing at their Worcester plant a fine quality of cotton sewing thread for the manufacturing industries, and in this field they are among the leaders. Lucius B. Cranska has been identified with the business since his youth, and is one of the strong executives of the manufacturing world.

He is a grandson of Lucius Briggs, who was a prominent manufacturer, and who was for many years manager of the plants of the Grosvenordale Company, Grosvenordale, Connecticut, and one of the founders of the Glasgo Yarn Mills Company, Glasgo, Connecticut, and of the Glasgo Thread Company of Beacon Street, Worcester, where the Cranska Thread Company is now located. Floyd Cranska, the father of Lucius B. Cranska, was born at Thompson, Connecticut, in 1849, and from his youth was active in textile mills in Windham County, that State. In the year 1880 he established the Cranska Yarn Company in Moosup, Connecticut, and until his death, March 3, 1920, he was at the head of the company, residing in Moosup and keeping in close touch with the interests of which he was the founder, and for so many years the leading spirit. Under his direction the mills were enlarged and entirely reconstructed of brick, machinery of the latest pattern was installed and a modern power plant erected. Electricity is generated by a steam turbine and is used in driving the motors with which the machinery is connected, and the excellent equipment insures a fine quality of product. Mr. Cranska was well known in the trade and counted among the successful men who started out as pioneers and won distinction. He was a Republican in politics, and for two terms represented his district in the Connecticut Legislature. He was a Presidential elector in 1904, and always took a lively interest in public affairs. Floyd Cranska married Evelyn Briggs, who was born in Thompson, Connecticut, and died in 1900. They were the parents of four children: Annie L., married William A. Hill, of New Rochelle, New York; Lucius B., of further mention; Harriet A., married Thomas J. Seaton, of Moosup, Connecticut; and Evelyn C.

Lucius B. Cranska was born at Thompson, Connecticut, January 3, 1880. His education, begun in the local public schools, and the family thereafter residing in Norwich, Connecticut, for a time, was continued in the Norwich Free Academy, whence he was graduated in 1898. Even from boyhood Mr. Cranska was interested in textile industry, and to follow this he went to Lowell, Massachusetts, where he took a comprehensive course in the Lowell Textile School. He then became identified with his father in the early development of the present enterprise in Moosup, and in 1907 was made president and assistant manager of the Moosup mill. In 1917 he was made treasurer and manager of the Worcester branch of the business, and upon the death of his father, March 3, 1920, he assumed the management of both plants. The Worcester plant is located at No. 49 Hermon Street, where they occupy three floors and employ about sixty people. They are equipped with the most modern and efficient machinery, and manufacture a high class product in such forms as are required by the manufacturers who constitute their market. The Moosup plant employs about one hundred and eighty people. As the head of this business, Mr. Cranska holds membership in the National Association of Manufacturers, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Cotton Thread Manufacturers Exchange, and the Home Market Club of Boston. He has few interests outside of his business, but is a member of the Lions Club and the University Club, both of Worcester. He attends the Baptist church, and resides at No. 26 June Street, Worcester.

During the war period, 1917-18, Mr. Cranska was a member of the War Service Committee, which represented the thread industry of the United States, in cooperation with the War Industries Board.

FRANK B. FRYE—Few of the citizens of Worcester County are better known than is Frank B. Frye, who for many years was engaged in mercantile business in various communities of the State, and who is now the owner of a farm in Royalston, and a winter residence on Alder Street, in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Born on the old homestead in Royalston, Worcester County, Massachusetts, April 13, 1856, Frank B. Frye is a great-grandson of Captain John Frye, one of the earliest settlers of Royalston, and chairman of the first Board of Selectmen of the town; and a son of Benjamin and Miranda (Barton) Frye, the first named of whom was prominent in the affairs of the town, held many positions of trust, and was chosen to serve two years in the Massachusetts Legislature. He received a careful education in the public schools of Royalston, and then engaged in mercantile business in Winchendon, Massachusetts. After a time he extended his operations to Gardner, and still later to Orange, both in Massachusetts, and in all three localities he was successful. He resided in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, for a time, and in 1885 and 1886, served as selectman of that town. He also served as collector in 1884. Mr. Frye is one of the public spirited business men who give earnest support to projects which are wisely planned for the advancement of the public good, but though he has not evaded the responsibilities of local public office, he has neither sought nor desired the honors or the emoluments, of official position. At the present time (1923) Mr. Frye spends his winters at the family residence on Alder Street, in Waltham, and a part of each summer on the farm in Royalston. Mr. Frye and his family are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Waltham, and have been for years deeply interested in the civic and religious welfare of Worcester County.

On November 17, 1886, in Beverly, Massachusetts, Frank B. Frye married Elsie W. Merrill, who was born in Northbridge, Massachusetts, June 11, 1861, daughter of Rev. William and Elsie A. (Bixby) Merrill. Before her marriage Mrs. Frye was engaged in teaching in the public schools of Beverly, Massachusetts. Since her marriage she has rendered splendid service in church, school, and home. Mr. and Mrs. Frye are the parents of four children: 1. Royal Merrill Frye was born May 27, 1890, at Milford, New Hampshire, and graduated from Waltham High School, as valedictorian, in 1908. He then became a student in Boston University, from which he was graduated in 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, becoming a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and receiving the degree Master of Arts in 1912. He then continued his studies at Harvard as a Jacob Sleeper fellow. For two years he served as instructor in Chemistry and Physics at Boston University, and at present (1923) he is a member of the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He takes an active interest in local public affairs and was a member of the Board of Aldermen of Waltham City in 1916. He is the owner of a residence in Waltham, and of a fine country place in Royalston. He married, June 11, 1915, Louise Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.



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George Alexander, of Boston. Mrs. Frye was born at Falmouth, and before her marriage was engaged as a teacher in the Sea Pines School, at Brewster, Massachusetts. She is a graduate of Boston University, College of Liberal Arts, from which she received the degree Bachelor of Arts in 1913, with Phi Beta Kappa honors. She is an able assistant in the educational work of her husband. 2. Merton Benjamin Frye, born March 4, 1893, in Waltham, graduated from Waltham High School, with the class of 1913, studied in the New England Conservatory of Music, and graduated from the American Institute of Normal Methods in 1914. For two years he served as instructor in music at St. George's School, Newport, Rhode Island, and he has also served as conductor of the Newport Oratorial Society, of the Community Chorus of Newport, and as organist of the First Baptist Church at Lowell, Massachusetts. He has also served as organist of the Ascension Church, of Waltham, and for nine years as organist of St. John's Church at Newport, Rhode Island. He is at present engaged as organ instructor at Boston Conservatory of Music and is organist and choirmaster of Emanuel Church, Newport, Rhode Island. 3. William Bixby Frye, born in Waltham, Massachusetts, November 15, 1895, graduated from the Waltham High School as valedictorian, class of 1914. Graduated from Boston University, receiving the degree Bachelor of Arts in 1917, and at present is connected as department head with the Boston Rubber Shoe Company, of Malden, Massachusetts. He is a member of the choir of Trinity Church, Boston. 4. Elsie Frances Frye, born in Waltham, March 28, 1901, graduated from the grammar school in 1915, and was an honor member of the class of 1919, Waltham High School. She was editor of the school paper, "The Mirror," and a member of the high school orchestra. Her death occurred January 1, 1919.

DR. EARL GUSTAVUS CROCKETT—Among the present day professional activities of Milford, Massachusetts, Dr. Crockett is a well known figure, and although a young man, he holds a leading position in professional circles. A member of a well known family in this State, Dr. Crockett is a son of Captain Elbert Monroe and Marion (Force) Crockett, and grandson of Gustavious and Laura (Munyon) Crockett. Captain Crockett is one of the foremost figures in public and military affairs in Worcester County to-day and a review of his life appears elsewhere in this work.

Dr. Earl G. Crockett was born at West Medway, Massachusetts, March 23, 1894. His early education was acquired in the Hopedale primary schools and he later attended Milford grammar and high schools. His choice of a profession was made, and following his graduation from high school he entered Tufts College in the dental department, from which he was graduated in due course. He has since practiced in Milford, gaining the confidence of the people who have known him from boyhood, in his professional work, and with constantly increasing success has gone forward until now he stands among the noteworthy professional men of the day in this part of the State. Dr. Crockett enlisted in the military service in 1911, at the age of seventeen years, joining Company M, 6th Infantry, Massachusetts National Guard. He served as private for one year,

then was promoted to corporal, and after a year in that capacity was made sergeant, then six months later was promoted to second lieutenant, which rank he held until 1915. He was sent overseas, attached to Base Hospital No. 88, in France, then was later transferred to Base Hospital No. 204, in England, and served throughout the period of the World War in the dental department, receiving his discharge from the service June 29, 1919. He is now attached to Company G, 181st Infantry. In social circles in Milford and vicinity Dr. Crockett holds a prominent position and fraternally is widely known, holding membership in the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Foresters of America, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the order of the Eastern Star, and the American Legion. He is a popular member of the Milford Fire Department and for a number of years has acted as captain of Combination Truck No. 1. He is also a leading figure in the Combination Athletic Club. His religious connection is with the Congregational church.

Dr. Crockett married, on August 20, 1917, at Mendon, Massachusetts, Lucilla Greenwood Rogers, daughter of Harry N. and Georgiana (Hall) Rogers.

GEORGE McKNIGHT—The members of one of the leading business firms of Clinton, Massachusetts, the Gannon & McKnight Company, plumbers and steamfitters, enjoy the esteem and respect of their contemporaries through their high standard of workmanship and their business ability. One of the members of this firm, George McKnight, was born in Clinton, October 31, 1890, son of Joseph and Lillias (Stirling) McKnight. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Clinton, and soon afterwards he served an apprenticeship in the plumbing business. This training occupied three years, during which time he was associated with George McLeod, and for two years subsequent he was employed at his trade in Somerville, Massachusetts. A long illness contracted by Mr. McKnight in Somerville made it necessary for him to retire from active business for two years, but soon after recovering his health he removed to Clinton and there formed his present partnership with John J. Gannon, a sketch of whom follows. Their first location was at No. 63 High Street, where they remained until 1920; in the latter year the partners purchased the location known as the Fiske property, at No. 248 High Street, and during their two years of ownership have developed the property suitable for their use and have a most modern and up-to-date plumbing and steamfitting business establishment. On December 24, 1921, the business was incorporated, George McKnight being made president; John J. Gannon, treasurer; and W. S. Duncan, clerk. The block where the business is located, contains seven stores and five tenements, and occupies a space 150x150 feet.

Mr. McKnight is one of Clinton's representative citizens in several ways; through his connection with public organizations and fraternal bodies he has made many lasting friends and he is always to be found prominent in these matters. He is a staunch Republican, and for many years has been an ardent worker in this party's interest in Clinton. Military matters have also shared his attention, and for seven years he was a member of

the Ninth Regiment, Company K, M. V. M., of Clinton. He is a member of St. Andrew's Mutual Benefit Society; of the Clinton Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Lamsdec Club and the Prescott Club. He is a communicant of the Congregational church.

Mr. McKnight married, October 29, 1919, Mildred Freitag, daughter of Otto and Frederika Freitag. Mr. Freitag being one of the oldest residents of Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. McKnight are the parents of a son, Roger Joseph, born January 18, 1922.

JOHN J. GANNON, of the firm of Gannon & McKnight, of Clinton, Massachusetts, is a native of Clinton, Massachusetts. He is one of the prominent, industrious business men of that city who has not found it necessary to leave their home environment in order to achieve a career.

Mr. Gannon was born August 3, 1894, son of Patrick M. and Mary (O'Malley) Gannon, and his education was obtained in the public and high schools. His apprenticeship in the plumbing and steamfitting business was served under the able training of the established firms of W. H. Walker and O'Toole Brothers, of Clinton. He was employed by these firms until forming a partnership with George McKnight, whose sketch precedes. This was in the year 1915, and after seven successful years of constant and steady growth their firm is considered a leading one in this line in Clinton. On December 25, 1920, Mr. Gannon was made treasurer of the Hudson Heating and Ventilating Company.

Mr. Gannon is one of that type of alert and progressive young business men, often found in our American towns and cities, who attain their objective despite any obstacle. He is prominent in the civic life of Clinton, and active in the work of the Democratic party. His fraternal connections are with Clinton Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Council 1701, (Fourth Degree), Knights of Columbus; and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. His religious connection is with St. John's Roman Catholic Church, and he contributes liberally to the support of this institution. He finds his recreation in hunting and fishing.

Mr. Gannon married, December 27, 1922, Kathryn Burns, of Ware, Massachusetts.

SILAS RICHARDSON—From the beginning of his active career, Silas Richardson has been associated with the Charles H. Richardson Undertaking Establishment, of which he is now president. The business was founded by his father and is now continued by Mr. Richardson and his brother, Walter M. Richardson (see following sketch).

Silas Richardson was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, June 5, 1873, son of Charles H. and Harriet E. (Richards) Richardson. Charles H. Richardson was a native of Leominster, Massachusetts; he died in 1908. Harriet E. (Richards) Richardson was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and died in Leominster in 1920.

Mr. Richardson received his early education in the public schools of Leominster, including the high school, and then prepared for active life by a course in the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. After completing his business course, he at once became associated with his father in the undertaking business,

and that connection he maintained until the death of the latter in 1908. The following year his brother, Walter M., who since the completion of his college course had been engaged in business as a landscape architect, gave up his profession and became associated with the Charles H. Richardson Undertaking Establishment, of which Silas Richardson was made president and Walter M. secretary and treasurer. During the fourteen years which have passed since that time the business has continued to grow and to prosper, and the brothers have made a reputation for high-class workmanship and expert service. The tact and courtesy which makes as easy as possible the times of sorrow in which those who follow this business must serve is never lacking, and the Richardson brothers are called upon to arrange funeral appointments for patrons far beyond the limits of Leominster.

Fraternally Mr. Richardson is affiliated with Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Leominster; Fitchburg Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Leominster Club, and his religious interest is with the Congregational church of Leominster, of which he is an attendant.

Mr. Richardson married, July 14, 1904, Annie H. Lambert, who was born in Liverpool, England, daughter of Henry and Mary (Wright) Lambert. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are the parents of two children: Charles L., who was born May 26, 1905; and S. Francis, who was born May 26, 1907.

WALTER M. RICHARDSON—Born in Leominster, Massachusetts, October 21, 1880, Walter M. Richardson, secretary and treasurer of the Charles H. Richardson Undertaking Establishment, has had a varied experience. He is a son of Charles H. and Harriet E. (Richards) Richardson, and brother of Silas Richardson (see preceding sketch).

After receiving his early and preparatory education in the public schools of his native city, Walter M. Richardson became a student in the Lawrence Scientific School, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Upon the completion of his college course he became a landscape architect, and that profession he successfully followed for a period of six years. At the end of that time he gave up that line of business in order that he might associate himself with his brother in the management of the large and growing business of the Charles H. Richardson Undertaking Establishment. That connection he maintains to the present time, and since 1920 he has held the official position of secretary and treasurer of the concern, his brother, Silas Richardson, serving as president. The business is a thoroughly established one, and under the management of the brothers is steadily growing. It commands the patronage of the best class throughout a wide area of country surrounding Leominster, and is well known for its tactful, sympathetic, and courteous management as well as for the excellent quality of funeral appointments which it furnishes. Mr. Richardson is a member of Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and of Leominster Lodge, No. 1237, Benev-



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olent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is also a member of the Leominster Club and of the Monoosnock Country Club.

On August 29, 1921, Walter M. Richardson married Helen E. Howe, who was born in Leominster, daughter of Charles and Charlotte (Groat) Howe. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson reside at No. 138 North Main Street, in Leominster.

GEORGE H. KENNEDY, JR., B. S., M. P. L., has won a foremost position in the legal profession in Worcester County, his interest centering in the city of Worcester. His extensive education in various lines has given him wide preparation for his work in the field of patent law, and has placed him in a position to serve in a very efficient way the manufacturing interests that center in and around Worcester. Mr. Kennedy is a son of George H. Kennedy, who was born in Washington, District of Columbia, and was for many years a leading banker in that city. The mother, Katherine (Williams) Kennedy, was born in Chicago, Illinois, and is still living. Both parents are now residents of Washington, District of Columbia.

George H. Kennedy, Jr., was born in Washington, District of Columbia, August 25, 1888. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his birthplace, and he later entered the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering, in the class of 1910. Thereafter, while serving as an examiner in the United States Patent Office, he studied law at George Washington University, and after his admission to the bar he took up an exhaustive post-graduate course in patent law at the National University Law School at Washington and was graduated with the degree of Master of Patent Law. Mr. Kennedy took up the practice of law in Worcester, in the year 1913, in association with Rufus B. Fowler, under the firm name of Fowler & Kennedy. This partnership continued very successfully until the death of Mr. Fowler, which occurred in 1921. Meanwhile, in 1919 Mr. Kennedy's younger brother, Owen W. Kennedy, was received into the firm and they now comprise the partnership. Being composed of progressive and forward-looking young men, the firm of Fowler & Kennedy is counted among the leading firms of patent lawyers in Massachusetts. George H. Kennedy, Jr., is a prominent member of the Worcester County Bar Association and Quinsigamond Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; also of the Worcester Club, the University Club of Worcester, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club, and other organizations.

George H. Kennedy, Jr., married, on December 15, 1916, Margaret Smith, who was born at Norfolk, Virginia, and they have one son, Douglas S., born August 1, 1919. The family attends the Unitarian church.

OWEN W. KENNEDY stands among the prominent patent attorneys of Worcester County, Massachusetts, as a member of the firm of Fowler & Kennedy, of the city of Worcester. A progressive and talented young man and alert to the movement of the times, Mr. Kennedy is achieving marked success and is considered one of the promising young men of the day in his pro-

fession. He is a son of George H., Sr., and Katherine (Williams) Kennedy, mentioned in preceding sketch.

Owen W. Kennedy was born in Washington, District of Columbia, May 26, 1891. Receiving his early education in the public schools of the city, he later attended the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and was graduated in the class of 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. On completing this course Mr. Kennedy became associated with the Westinghouse Electric Company and continued in that connection for about four years, working in the shop, engineering and patent department. He then enlisted for service in the World War and was commissioned second lieutenant in the Engineer's Reserve Corps of the United States Army. He was sent to the Engineering Training Camp at American University, Washington, District of Columbia, and attended until September, 1917, when he was commissioned first lieutenant and was assigned to the chief engineer's office in the searchlight investigation section, attached to the 606th Engineers. Discharged from the service in March, 1919, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Engineering Corps, Mr. Kennedy returned to civilian life, coming to Worcester to become associated with his brother in the patent law firm of Fowler & Kennedy, and has been associated with this firm since. The firm of Fowler & Kennedy is taking a leading rank among the patent solicitors in Worcester County to-day. Mr. Kennedy is identified with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the American Legion, and the University Club, and his chief leisure interest is art, his work, especially in landscape painting, having brought out very favorable notice at exhibitions. He is considered one of the most promising of Worcester County's amateur artists. He resides on a farm on the Northboro Road, at Boylston, where he has a studio.

Owen W. Kennedy married, on October 2, 1921, Madeline Bell, who was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, and before her marriage was children's librarian at the Worcester Public Library for a number of years. Mrs. Kennedy is well known in literary circles in Worcester.

REV. WILLIAM F. GRACE, in ecclesiastical circles in Milford, Massachusetts, is a noteworthy figure as pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. With the same pioneer spirit which inspired the early settlers of New England to dedicate the new land to their God, Father Grace has gone forward in his leadership of the people of this parish and has carried the work of the church into the highways and hedges, gathering into the fold many new members and leading the congregation to ever higher and nobler spiritual attainment. Father Grace is a native of the State of Massachusetts, and is a son of Edward V. and Catherine (Hamilton) Grace, long esteemed residents of Hayden, Massachusetts.

Father Grace was born at Hayden, Massachusetts, September 25, 1865. His early education was acquired in the local schools of the community, and for his classical studies he went to Canada, where he entered St. Michael's College, of Toronto, Ontario, then continued his studies at Grand Seminary, at Montreal, from which he was graduated in 1889. He was ordained at Montreal Seminary in the same year, and his first appointment was as curate at St. Peter's Church, at Worcester,

Massachusetts, where he served for three years. He was then appointed to St. Aloysius' Church, at Gilbertsville, Massachusetts, as pastor. This was at that time a mission field only, and Father Grace formed the parish, built the rectory and school, and established the congregation in good works, remaining for nine years. During his pastorate he built the present church at Wheelwright from the plans of George Wheelwright, and there also established the new congregation and started the people in the path of righteousness. His next church was at Lenox, Massachusetts, as pastor of St. Anne's, there he built a beautiful stone church from plans of Burrill Hoffman. He also built SS. Vincent and Paul's Church at Lenoxdale, where he also did a great work during the seventeen years of his stay in that community. At Lenox Father Grace was made chairman of the School Board, and was instrumental in bringing about the erection of two school buildings there. He was appointed to the pastorate of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Milford in the year 1922, and in the period during which he has been active here he has gained the esteem of the people and has commanded the respect and confidence of his colleagues in Christian labor, regardless of their religious creed or opinions. St. Mary's Church is one of the most prosperous and progressive in Worcester County, and connected with it are a grammar and high school, both conducted by the Sisters of St. Anne. St. Mary's Cemetery, which is also a part of this church property, is famous for its Irish Round Tower, which also comes under the jurisdiction of Father Grace. Father Grace takes a deep interest in all branches of organized advance, and is the leading figure in the local council of the Knights of Columbus, which he serves as chaplain. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and of the Ladies' Auxiliary of that order.

CHESTER M. STANLEY—As president and treasurer of the Worcester Buick Company, Chester M. Stanley is at the head of a concern which is annually selling hundreds of Buick cars to the people of Worcester and vicinity. Connected with their beautiful display rooms at No. 72 Shrewsbury Street, the company also conducts a well equipped and efficient service department where prompt attention and skilled workmanship are securing a steady increase of patronage. Mr. Stanley is a son of Frederick H. Stanley, who throughout his active career followed the trade of the wheelwright, and of Adeline (Slater) Stanley, and was born at Essex Junction, Vermont, October 2, 1881. After attending the public schools of that place and completing his high school course he clerked in a local grocery store for four years, and then, in 1901, went to Worcester, where he entered the employ of B. A. Robinson, a dealer in automobiles, safes, and mill supplies, whose establishment was located at No. 671 Main Street. Four years later, in 1905, he associated himself with Norcross, Shiland & Company, agents for the Packard and Buick cars, located at No. 212 Summer Street, and the following year that concern changed both its name and its place of business. It reorganized under the name of the Norcross Auto Company and removed to the old skating rink at No. 43 Foster Street, where it sold Buick and Peerless cars. As business increased they were

obliged to seek larger quarters, so bought a piece of land at No. 121 Commercial Street, where they erected a building. At that time they discontinued the agency for Peerless cars and since have devoted all their energies to the sale and service of Buick cars. In 1916 the Worcester Buick Company was organized with Mr. Stanley as president and treasurer, and as the business steadily increased it soon became apparent that a more commodious and better equipped plant would be of material advantage. So the beautiful specially planned new building at No. 72 Shrewsbury Street was begun, and on November 30, 1921, the concern moved into its present quarters. The building has a frontage of 150 feet, and a floor area of 26,000 square feet. It is said to be the best automobile salesroom in New England outside of Boston. The company also has branches in Marlborough and Clinton, and both sales and service departments are giving to the public first-class accommodation.

Mr. Stanley is well known in Masonic circles, being a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Worcester; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; of Worcester Commandery, Knights Templar; Massachusetts Consistory of Boston; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Worcester Country Club, Worcester Masonic Club, Kiwanis Club, of Worcester; Young Men's Christian Association; Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and the United Commercial Travelers' Association. He gives his support to the candidates and principles of the Republican party. His religious interest is with the Congregational church, of which he is a member.

Chester M. Stanley married, on August 10, 1918, Mabel A. Cook, daughter of Phineas and Emma (Martin) Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley reside in Worcester.

ALBERT J. MCCREA, M. D.—In professional circles in Southbridge, Massachusetts, Dr. McCrea holds a leading position, with offices in the Masonic Building, and in various lines of community and public interest he bears a constructive part. Dr. McCrea is a son of Isaac McCrea, who was born at Hemingford, Province of Quebec, Canada, and was engaged as a mason until his retirement several years ago. He came to Massachusetts as a young man, and the greater part of his active life was spent in Worcester County, where he won the respect and friendship of the people of Winchendon. The mother, Mary S. (Wheeler) McCrea, was also born in Hemingford, Province of Quebec, Canada, and she is now deceased.

Albert J. McCrea was born at Winchendon, Massachusetts January 31, 1871. His education was begun in the local public schools and he later entered Murdock Academy, then took up his professional preparations at the Eclectic Medical Institute, at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated in the class of 1894 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Within the year Dr. McCrea took up his practice in Southbridge and has continued here since with steadily increasing success. He has done much to advance the popularity of his chosen school of medicine, and his success reflects credit not only upon himself but upon the institution in which he was trained. He is a member of the Massachusetts Eclectic Society, and has for some year been

physician to the Masonic Home at Southbridge. In public life he takes a definite but unobtrusive part and contributes his efforts to all advance movements, but has never accepted political honors, except in line with his professional work. Dr. McCrea has served since June 13, 1917, as medical examiner for the Eighth Worcester District, being appointed by Governor McCall. The doctor was chairman of the Draft Board during the war. He has few interests outside of his work, but is a member of the Southbridge Club and attends the Universalist church.

Dr. McCrea married, in 1896, Bertha E. Fletcher, who was born at Hudson, Massachusetts, and they have one son, Arthur F., born in August 17, 1898, married Helen Plumley, daughter of the late Dr. Plumley, of Bridgeport, Connecticut. They have one child, Helen Van Horn, born in the year 1921. He resides in Detroit, Michigan, where he is advertising manager for the Elwell-Caldwell Advertising Agency.

GEORGE J. CARROLL, Ph. C., as the head of one of the oldest pharmacies of Gardner, has come to be considered one of the foremost men in his profession in Northern Worcester County, and in his success is bearing a very definite part in the welfare of the people. Mr. Carroll is a native of Gardner and a member of an old Massachusetts family, and his grandfather, Patrick Carroll, served during the Civil War in defense of the Union. Thomas Carroll, Mr. Carroll's father, was also born in Gardner, and was prominent throughout his lifetime in the chair industry, which he entered in early life in the employ of Heywood Brothers & Company. He became a designer, in which line he was considered one of the best in this section, and became foreman of the designing department of the present firm of Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company. His entire active life was spent in the Heywood plant, beginning at the age of fourteen years, and at the time of his death, which occurred at the age of fifty-three years, he was considered one of the best designers of baby carriages and reed furniture in the business. He married Mary Sullivan, who was born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, and is still living at the age of sixty-three years.

George J. Carroll was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, September 19, 1882. His education was begun in the local public schools and he was graduated from the Gardner High School in the class of 1901. Later attending the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, at Boston, Massachusetts, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1903 with the degree of Ph. C. Mr. Carroll's first experience in his chosen field of endeavor was in the Red Cross Drug Store, of Waltham, Massachusetts, where he was employed for one year, then in 1904 he came to Gardner. Here he was first employed in the drug store of Underwood & Judd, with whom he remained for two years as an employee. Then purchasing Mr. Judd's interest in the business the firm name became Underwood & Carroll. The death of Mr. Underwood, in 1917, brought about further changes in the personnel of the firm and from that time on Mr. Carroll handled the interest independently. This business was founded fifty-two years ago by Dr. Guy W. Garland, and was for many years known as the Garland Drug Store. Mr. Carroll has continued the policies of

accuracy, promptness, and courtesy, which have always been considered the most noteworthy features of this store, and his success has been a matter of definite and steadily growing importance, until he now stands among the foremost pharmacists in this part of Worcester County. Mr. Carroll is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is connected with Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Gardner Council, No. 396, Knights of Columbus, in which he holds the fourth degree; a member of Bishop Beven Assembly, of which he is at present Faithful Navigator; Court Crystal, Foresters of America; also a member of the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Carroll married Catherine O'Hearn, of Gardner, in 1915, and they are the parents of two children: George, born October 14, 1917; and Philip, born January 11, 1919.

BENJAMIN F. MACHLAN—Educational work has claimed the attention of Mr. Machlan for a period of years, dating from his graduation from college. At the present time he is directing the course of Atlantic Union College, located at South Lancaster, Massachusetts, an institution supported in the interests of the Seventh Day Adventists. His parents were Joseph and Armada (Garner) Machlan, the former a native of Rush County, Indiana, and engaged as a lumber inspector prior to his death in 1892, the latter a native of Butler County, Ohio, who died in 1890.

Benjamin F. Machlan, was born September 15, 1865, at Argos, Indiana, where he completed courses in the public and high schools. Later he entered Valparaiso University, finishing with the class of 1886. He was then given the degree of Master of Arts upon completion of study at Washington Missionary College, Washington, District of Columbia. For nineteen years following his collegiate career he taught in the public schools in Indiana and Wisconsin, then accepted the principalship of Beechwood Academy in Indiana, in 1902. Four years later, in 1906, he came to South Lancaster as principal of the South Lancaster Academy, a position held until 1909. In that year Mr. Machlan became president of the Australasian Missionary College, New South Wales, Australia, retaining this post until 1913, when he returned to the principalship of South Lancaster Academy. In 1916 he was elected as the president of Washington Missionary College. Returning to South Lancaster in 1921, he was elected president of Atlantic Union College, in South Lancaster, and is still filling that office. He is a member of the Seventh Day Adventists.

Mr. Machlan married, March 2, 1888, Mytra Foör, who was born at Macy, Indiana, and the children born to them are as follows: Gladys G., wife of William W. Tinsley, of Colorado; Lewis O., an instructor of history at the Colorado State Normal School; Harold F., a physician, connected with the Mount Alto Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia.

HERBERT SCHNARE—In legal circles in Worcester County, Massachusetts, Herbert Schnare is noted among the promising young men of the day, and for the past two years has been associated with the law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart, of Boston. Mr. Schnare is a son of Robert W. and Frances (Leary) Schnare, who

have been residents of Southboro, Massachusetts, since 1902. Robert W. Schnare has been identified with the Boston and Worcester Electric Car Company as foreman of the freight department in Worcester for many years and is a well known and efficient executive. The family comprises three children: Herbert, of further mention; Priscilla, born in Marlboro, March 6, 1902; and Margaret, born in Southboro, January 12, 1909.

Herbert Schnare was born in Marlboro, Massachusetts, July 30, 1898. His education was begun in the public schools of Southboro, and he is a graduate of the Southboro High School. Later entering Boston University Law School he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1921 and passed the bar examinations of the State in the fall of the same year. Since July, 1921, Mr. Schnare has been affiliated with the noted firm of lawyers above mentioned, who are leaders in New England as general practitioners and corporation lawyers. Mr. Schnare is considered a young man of great promise, his ability as a speaker and his natural aptitude for keen observation and exhaustive attention to detail giving him a splendid personal equipment for the profession of his choice. He still resides in Southboro, while his professional interests center in Boston.

During the World War Herbert Schnare enlisted for service in France, and was assigned to the headquarters of the 76th Division, American Expeditionary Forces. He went overseas in July, 1918, and was active there until January, 1919, being a student at the Officers' Training Corps at the time of the signing of the armistice. He received his honorable discharge from the service with the rank of corporal. Mr. Schnare is affiliated with St. Bernard's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Southboro; the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity, and the Southboro Golf Club.

CARLETON A. FLETCHER—In addition to his practice as a dentist in Baldwinville, Massachusetts, Dr. Fletcher has served his community in several public offices, and is actively engaged in business in the Bank Building. His parents were Americus V. and E. O. (Peckem) Fletcher, of Athol, Massachusetts.

Carleton A. Fletcher was born at Athol, Massachusetts, December 2, 1877. Upon graduating from the local public schools in 1896 he entered the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated with the class of 1899 as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. Immediately upon completing his studies he began to practice his profession in Baldwinville, which he still continues. He then bought the business of F. L. Norcross, in 1912, and opened a general store which was completely destroyed by fire in 1917. Next he purchased a candy and fruit store and opened a general store in the bank building, also managing an insurance business.

In politics he is a Republican and has served as Town Clerk from 1908 to 1923, and as Tax Collector from 1910 to 1923. He has been a member of the fire company here for twenty years, five of them as chief. During a like period of time he has been treasurer of the Republican Town Committee, and is also a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public. For three years he was a corporal in the State Guard. Fraternally he is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Masons, thirty-second degree, and of the Shrine; York Rite, of Gardner, Massa-

chusetts; Scottish Rite, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and of Boston, Massachusetts; Past Grand Master of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Baldwinville, Massachusetts; Lodge No. 1426, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of Gardner, Massachusetts. He is a member of the Poquaig Club, of Athol, Massachusetts. In religion he is a Unitarian.

Mr. Fletcher has been married twice. He married (first), at Athol, Massachusetts, in 1901, D. Elizabeth Lord, who died in July, 1902. He married (second), at Baldwinville, June 20, 1905, Hattie B. Leand, daughter of Lewis and Annie (Bixby) Leand, both of whom were natives of Templeton, Massachusetts. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher: Ruth Anna, who died July 3, 1908; Leand C., born June 20, 1909; Edith E., born March 1, 1912; Louis H., born July 6, 1917; and Barbara W., born December 11, 1922, and died eight days later.

ERNEST O. POWERS, prominent in the manufacturing world of Athol, Massachusetts, is noted among the successful men of Northern Worcester County, and his hat factory is one of the thriving enterprises which go to make up the community prosperity of Athol. Mr. Powers comes of an old Massachusetts family, and his grandfather, Jason Powers, was one of the foremost men in religious advance in Prescott, Massachusetts, where he built a church which was a leading church society for many years. Orrin J. Powers, his son, and father of the subject of this sketch, was born at Prescott, December 12, 1836, and is now a resident of Athol and very active in community progress, although now eighty-seven years of age. He was active in agricultural affairs as a young man, then later in life entered the hat business as a manufacturer in North Dana. During his entire life he has been very active in the allied fields of religion and temperance. He was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school of North Dana, and a leading figure in all the work of the church for many years. His long experience and venerable appearance made him the patriarch of the church organization, and the people looked up to him as a leader and guide in spiritual matters. His wonderful vitality, however, still gives him the vigor and strength of a man many years his junior, and he is tireless in his efforts for the advance of the church. Orrin J. Powers married Ellen A. Albee, who was born April 22, 1839, and died March 27, 1911.

Ernest O. Powers was born at North Dana, Massachusetts, April 13, 1875. His education was begun in the local primary schools, and after covering the intermediate grades he entered Wesleyan Academy, at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in the class of 1893. He then entered Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Connecticut. Returning to North Dana, Massachusetts, Mr. Powers was associated with his father and brother, Arthur J., in the hat manufacturing business. This business had been established in 1876 by their father, who also had plants in Prescott and Palmer, Massachusetts at various times. In 1900 they came to Athol and established the firm of O. J. Powers & Son. They are all together now in the one Athol plant.

Mr. Powers is one of the successful industrial exec-



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utives of Athol and a prominent and public-spirited man. He is a Republican by political affiliation, but has never been interested in public honors. He is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of all bodies, and his college fraternity is the Beta Theta Pi. He is affiliated with the New York Athletic Club, the Greenfield Country Club, of Greenfield, Massachusetts; and the Poquaig Club, of Athol.

MAJOR WALTER L. BEAMAN, who is taking a leading position in the manufacturing world of Worcester County, is attaining success in the production of wheel bassinets, cribs, and cradles. The Gem Crib & Cradle Company, of which he is president, has developed into a very important industry in the comparatively few years of its existence. Major Beaman's military record gives him added prominence in the community, and he is also widely known fraternally.

The Beaman family is a very old one in the State of Massachusetts, and Samuel B. Beaman, grandfather of Major Beaman, was a captain in the 53d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Civil War. Captain Samuel B. Beaman was born in Princeton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, of old Colonial stock.

Walton S. Beaman, son of Captain Samuel B. Beaman, and father of Major Beaman, was born in Princeton, Massachusetts, and came to Gardner not long before his marriage. He was a farmer and small dealer in live stock, and resided in this community until his death, which occurred about 1894. The mother, Catharine J. (Kelly) Beaman, was born in Nottingham, England, of Irish parentage, and came to the United States with her people when four years of age, the family settling at Otter River, Massachusetts. Mrs. Beaman is still living, and is a resident of Gardner.

Walter L. Beaman, son of Walton S. and Catharine J. (Kelly) Beaman, was born at Gardner, Massachusetts, April 9, 1885. His education was received in the public schools of the community and the Gardner High School, where he played football and served one year as manager of the football team and one year as business manager of the high school paper, "The Argus." He also represented his class in inter-class speaking contests, and presented the class gift at graduation. At the age of twenty years he entered the employ of Nichols & Stone, prominent manufacturers of Gardner, in the capacity of bookkeeper. He was identified with this firm for twelve years, and served on the board of directors for some time. Near the close of that period he utilized his spare time in the manufacture of cribs and cradles, developing a thriving interest on the side in the Gem Crib & Cradle Company, which company was formed in 1912 by Carl H. Hedstrom, Wilford P. Shuffleton, and Mr. Beaman. About 1915 this company originated the wheel bassinet to replace the old style cradle, and its growth thereafter was rapid. The business developed to such an extent that early in 1917 Mr. Beaman severed his connection with his employers in order to give his entire attention to his own business. To meet the exigencies of the rapidly-growing business the firm was incorporated in 1918, while Mr. Beaman was on a brief leave of absence from the army, and he was made president,

which office he has since ably filled. The concern manufactures a complete line of baby cribs, cradles, baby yards, wheel bassinets, and in fact all kinds of furniture for the infant and nursery. The plant occupies some 44,000 square feet of floor space, and they employ about one hundred and forty people. Major Beaman is further affiliated in a business way with the Hedstrom-Union Company as secretary and director. He is also a secretary and director in the Chairtown Manufacturing Company; a director in the Gardner Screw Corporation; a partner in the S. E. Manufacturing Company; and treasurer and director of the E. G. Berg Manufacturing Company. He is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce and served two years on the board of directors.

Major Beaman's military record began in 1909 when he enlisted in Company B, 6th Regiment, Massachusetts National Guard, as a private, and served continuously until his discharge after the close of the World War. He won promotion through the various grades, and a captain's commission was awarded him in 1915. The regiment was mobilized March 30, 1917, and mustered into the Federal service as a body, Major Beaman being in command of one of the Fitchburg companies as captain. With this company he served on the docks and the interned German liners at East Boston, and in camps at Farmingham, Ayer, and Westfield, Massachusetts, during the spring and summer of 1917. In November, 1917, he moved with his regiment to Camp Greene, Charlotte, North Carolina, where the regiment was redesignated as the 4th United States Pioneer Infantry. He retained command of Company B in the new regiment. The regiment moved to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, South Carolina, in February, 1918. At this camp the regiment served as a sort of training regiment, constantly receiving thousands of green men to equip and train, and assign to other regiments due to leave earlier than the 4th. Later he sailed for France in command of this same company. Soon after his arrival in France this company and regiment were disbanded and the members sent to combat units as replacements. Captain Beaman was assigned to the command of Company F, 7th United States Regular Infantry, 3d Division, and reached his new organization just a few days before the armistice was signed. Following the signing of the armistice he made the long march into Germany with the 7th Infantry. During his service in Germany he was transferred to the command of Company L, 353d Infantry, located around the territory of Treves or Trier, Germany. During the long absence of the regular major, Captain Beaman was in command of the 3d Battalion of this regiment, and in command of the town of Neuerburg, Germany. In April, 1919, when the 353d was preparing to sail for home he was detached from this regiment and returned from Germany to France and took command of Company F, in the C. R. O. Battalion at Bourges (cher) France. He also acted as mess officer at this army post and had charge of the feeding of the 4,000 men stationed there, and remained until the post was reduced to 500 men late in 1919. He then went to Brest, from which he sailed October 18, 1919, arriving at Hoboken, October 28, 1919. He was discharged at Camp Dix, October 31, 1919, having com-

pleted thirty-one months of active service. He was given the retired rank of major. Although he always exacted the fullest obedience and performance of military duty, his constant aim during all his active service was to lighten the hardships of those under his command, so far as military exigency would permit, and obtain for them the best food and equipment possible. With new recruits especially he tried to lighten the first shock of military discipline, and refrained from giving any severe penalties for slight infractions of rules when these infractions were due to unfamiliarity with the service and its requirements. This attitude won him the lasting gratitude of the thousands of men who passed under his command, but it might have been viewed with disfavor by higher officers if he had sought promotion. However, Major Beaman's record book bears only high endorsements from the senior officers under whom he served, although nearly all of them were aware of his extreme attitude of fairness toward the enlisted men.

Major Beaman is a member of the Company B Club of Fitchburg, a military organization; and of the Sons of Veterans, of which he his past commander. He is also scout commissioner of Monadnoch Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is affiliated with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He was active in forming Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in 1921, and became the first Exalted Ruler. He also served a second term as Exalted Ruler. He is a member of William Ellison Lodge, No. 185, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Noble Grand, and he is Past Chief Patriarch of Gardner Encampment, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a charter member of Gardner Post, American Legion. Although he has not been active in the local Legion post, he served on the State Executive Committee, at Headquarters, Department of Massachusetts, from September, 1920, to December 31, 1921, and on various other State committees of the Legion. He is a member of Ridgely Club and Ridgely Country Club, also of the Chair City Club of Gardner, Massachusetts. In political affairs Major Beaman holds independent conviction, and in civic matters gives his aid and endorsement to all progressive effort.

GEORGE W. KILMER—George W. Kilmer, founder and principal owner of the concern known as the New England Steel Roofing Company, was born in Hillsdale, New York, April 16, 1848, son of Jacob and Hannah (Pulver) Kilmer. He received his education in the public schools, and when his school training was completed, at the age of sixteen years, he learned the carpenter's trade in Canaan, Connecticut, and then went to Great Barrington, Massachusetts, where he worked at his trade. Later, still following his trade, he removed to Winsted, Connecticut. There he engaged in the restaurant business for about fifteen years. Then went to Waterbury, where he remained until 1892, engaged in the sheet metal business. He then removed to Worcester, where he has ever since been engaged. He formed a partnership with H. M. Smith, and locating at No. 96 Foster Street, began business in a small way. Later he purchased the interest of Mr. Smith. By 1901 the concern had grown to proportions which necessi-

tated the procuring of larger quarters, and the business was removed to its present location at No. 274 Main Street. In 1911 it was incorporated under the name of the New England Steel Roofing Company, of which Mr. Kilmer is the principal owner. Since that time the concern has been steadily growing, and it is now (1923) one of the well known and firmly established business enterprises of the city of Worcester. Along with his business activities Mr. Kilmer has found time for numerous fraternal affiliations. He is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 64, Free and Accepted Masons; Meridian Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Winsted; Tyrian Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Winsted; and Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar. He has taken all the degrees of the Scottish Rite, as far as and including the thirty-second degree; and is a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the Rebekahs; the Order of Eastern Star; of Freedom Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Worcester, of which he is Past Chancellor Commander; and of the Masonic Club of Worcester. His religious affiliation is with the First Universalist Church of Worcester.

George W. Kilmer married, on March 27, 1872, Ida C. Blackmer, daughter of Hiram Blackmer, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Stella K., who was born in Great Barrington; she married Frank P. Gilbert. 2. Herschel, who was born in Winsted, Connecticut, February 10, 1878, and is now treasurer of the New England Steel Roofing Company. He married Addie M. Marcy, daughter of Defoe A. Marcy, of Worcester, and they have two children: Irene Estelle, who married Raymond Goodline; and Harry A.

DR. JAMES ROSS opened dental offices on December 15, 1885, at No. 359 Main Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he is yet in practice, the oldest active member of his profession in that community. He is a member of the firm of Ross & Russell, his partner being Dr. U. C. Russell, his associates Dr. R. B. Carter and Dr. J. L. Congdon. Dr. Ross is a son of John and Jane (McCullough) Ross, of Edinburgh, Scotland, who came to the United States in 1853 and settled in South Boston, Massachusetts, where their son, James, was born eight years later. He was one of seven sons and five daughters.

James Ross was born in Boston, Massachusetts, December 13, 1861, and in that city completed full courses of grade and high school study. At the age of nineteen years he began his training for the dental profession in the offices of Dr. J. H. Brown, as an apprentice, the doctor's offices being opposite the old Park Street Church. He studied and practiced in three well known dental offices of Boston during the five years following, then, at the age of twenty-four, December 15, 1885, he opened the offices in Fitchburg, at No. 359 Main Street, that he yet occupies, although thirty-eight years have since elapsed. His first partner was Dr. L. J. Parker, they practicing as Parker & Ross. Five years later an assistant was secured, and for more than thirty years the offices required the services of three dentists, and for



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the last two years four have been necessary. During his years of practice Dr. A. E. E. Lamere, Dr. T. K. Ross, Dr. Edward Cheney, all of Fitchburg, and Dr. Claude Beedle, of Leominster, have been associated with the office, and at the present time the firm name is Ross & Russell, with two associates previously named.

In addition to the responsibilities of a large practice, Dr. Ross has always been deeply interested in the advancement of the community, and for thirty-five years he has been a member of the present Chamber of Commerce and its predecessors under different names. He has also served as president of the Young Men's Christian Association for eight years; a past director of the Children's Home; is a charter member of Apollo Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; for more than a quarter of a century he has been a member of Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and chairman of finance committee. In public position the doctor has just been elected (December 4, 1923,) to serve his eleventh and twelfth year as Councilman, he having now served ten consecutive years. He has been a member and chairman of practically all important councilmanic committees, and is at present chairman of public safety and a member of the finance committee. He is a regular attendant and active worker in the Congregational church, having for many years been chairman of the finance committee.

Dr. Ross married, November 11, 1886, Mary Emma Rowe, daughter of Samuel and Clarissa Rowe, of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. and Mrs. Ross are the parents of three children: 1. Marian, born August 2, 1890, graduated from Fitchburg High School. 2. Esther, born March 13, 1892, a graduate of Fitchburg High School and of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York. She served as a reconstruction aide in army hospitals and camps in South Carolina, Massachusetts, and New York. 3. Leland Francis, born November 7, 1894, graduated from the Fitchburg High School, and from Wesleyan University, class of 1916. He then entered the employ of Roger Babson, remaining with him until May, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Army Ambulance Corps, and was sent to a training camp at Allentown, Pennsylvania. In December, 1917, he was ordered overseas on special duty with an American unit, and was loaned to the French Government, serving with the French Army for one year and eight months, reaching home on August 1, 1919. He has since been connected with the Parks Cramer Company of Fitchburg. The Ross family residence is at No. 48 Pleasant Street, the same home that was established thirty-seven years ago at the same number.

DR. THOMAS K. ROSS—Two of the most popular dental surgeons in Fitchburg are Dr. Thomas K. Ross and his brother Dr. James Ross (q. v.), with whom he began his professional career in Fitchburg. The brothers have separate establishments, both located on Main Street, and both are taking care of very large clienteles.

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 16, 1874, Dr. Thomas K. Ross is a son of John and Jane (McCullough) Ross, the former of whom was engaged in business as a plumber. He received his early education in the public schools of Everett, Massachusetts. He then

removed to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he entered the high school. When his high school course was completed he began his professional study in Harvard Dental College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896. After graduation he returned to Fitchburg and began practice in association with his brother, Dr. James Ross, who is now (1923) the largest established dental surgeon in the city. For ten years the two brothers worked together, and then Dr. Thomas K. removed to No. 280 Main Street and opened offices of his own. Since that time both brothers have been continuously and successfully engaged in practice. Both are held in high esteem both among their professional associates and among their many personal friends.

Dr. Thomas K. Ross married, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, September 17, 1898, Florence Rice, daughter of Henry L. and Sophia (Watts) Rice, and they are the parents of two children: Mildred, who was born May 14, 1903, and Alfred, born August 5, 1906, is a member of the Fitchburg Rotary Club and of the Oak Hill Country Club, and is chairman of the advisory board of the Universalist church.

FLORENCE J. DONOGHUE—In the younger group of professional men of Worcester County, Massachusetts, Florence J. Donoghue is a noteworthy figure, and his activities are contributing in a marked degree to the general advance as well as to his personal success and prosperity. A leader in social and fraternal circles, he is one of the widely known young men of the day in this part of the State. Mr. Donoghue is a son of Jeremiah F. Donoghue, who was born in Ireland and came to the United States as a young man, settling in Worcester Massachusetts. The mother, Mary (Fogarty) Donoghue, who was also born in Ireland, is well known in social circles in Worcester.

Florence J. Donoghue was born in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, December 1, 1888. His early education was received at St. John's Parochial School, and later entering Holy Cross College, of Worcester, he was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in the class of 1911. His choice of a profession long since made, he then took up his legal studies at Georgetown University, at Washington, District of Columbia, his graduation occurring with the class of 1914, he receiving the degree of LL. B. Within the year Mr. Donoghue was admitted to the bar of his native State and took up the practice of law in the city of Worcester. He has continued here successfully, and is now counted among the leading professional men of this city, with offices at Suite No. 833, State Mutual Building. Mr. Donoghue is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and active in the work of this organization. On December 1, 1917, he was made attorney for the War Risk Insurance Bureau at Washington, District of Columbia, where he served until October 5, 1919, exclusive of a period of about four and one-half months, during which he served in the United States Army with the rank of corporal (July 21, 1918, to December 4, 1918). He is now a leading member of the American Legion in Worcester, and has for a number of years been identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and

the Irish National Foresters. He is also a member of St. John's Alumni Association, the Worcester County Holy Cross Alumni Association, and the Georgetown University Club of New England.

Mr. Donoghue married, October 14, 1922, Ella M. Power, who was born in Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Donoghue are members of St. Peter's Church.

ARTHUR E. PROULX, as the head of the Southbridge Roofing Company, of Southbridge, Massachusetts, is a noteworthy figure in the business life of Southern Worcester County, and is carrying forward to ever-increasing success the interest of which his father was for many years the owner and manager. He is a son of Joseph Proulx, who was born at St. Ours, Quebec, Canada. Joseph Proulx came to the United States as a young man and settling in Southbridge, was engaged in the roofing business throughout his active lifetime, founding what is still known as the Southbridge Roofing Company. He retired from business in the year 1919, turning over to his son, Arthur E. Proulx, the responsibilities of this interest. The mother, Delima (Gagon) Proulx, was born in Canada. Both are still living.

Arthur E. Proulx was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, May 1, 1881. He received his education in the local public schools, and following the completion of his studies became associated with his father in the roofing business. In the year 1909 he was received as partner in the firm, and in 1920, when the business was incorporated, he was made treasurer and general manager, in which capacity he is still active. This business was established in the year 1873, by Joseph Proulx, who purchased from Alphonse Deslauriere the small enterprise of which it was the outgrowth. Mr. Proulx conducted the interest under his own name until the year 1900, when the present title was adopted, and continued at its head until his retirement late in the year 1919, which was shortly followed by the incorporation of the interest without change of name. During the entire fifty years of this concern's history, the men who have had it in charge have gone forward along progressive lines and have met the needs of the people as roofing contractors in a prompt and capable manner. In the early years of the enterprise from three to five men were required to meet the needs of the rush seasons, but now thirty men are employed regularly. They are leaders in the field of roofing contracting in Southbridge to-day, and with their factory located on Hartwell Street, near the corner of Elm Street, they are doing an important and steadily increasing business. As the head of this enterprise, Arthur E. Proulx is a member of the Manufacturers' Association of Southbridge, but has few interests outside of his work, holding membership, however, in the Knights of Columbus, and attending the Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church.

Arthur E. Proulx married, in 1903, Malvina Caron, who was born at Allenburg, New York, and they are the parents of six children: Irene M., Lillian E., Loretta M., Arthur P., Prudence E., and Albert E.

JOHN W. LITCHFIELD, as treasurer of the Worcester Collateral Loan Association, is identified with an organization which is not only a business success in the usual sense of the term, but which has also performed

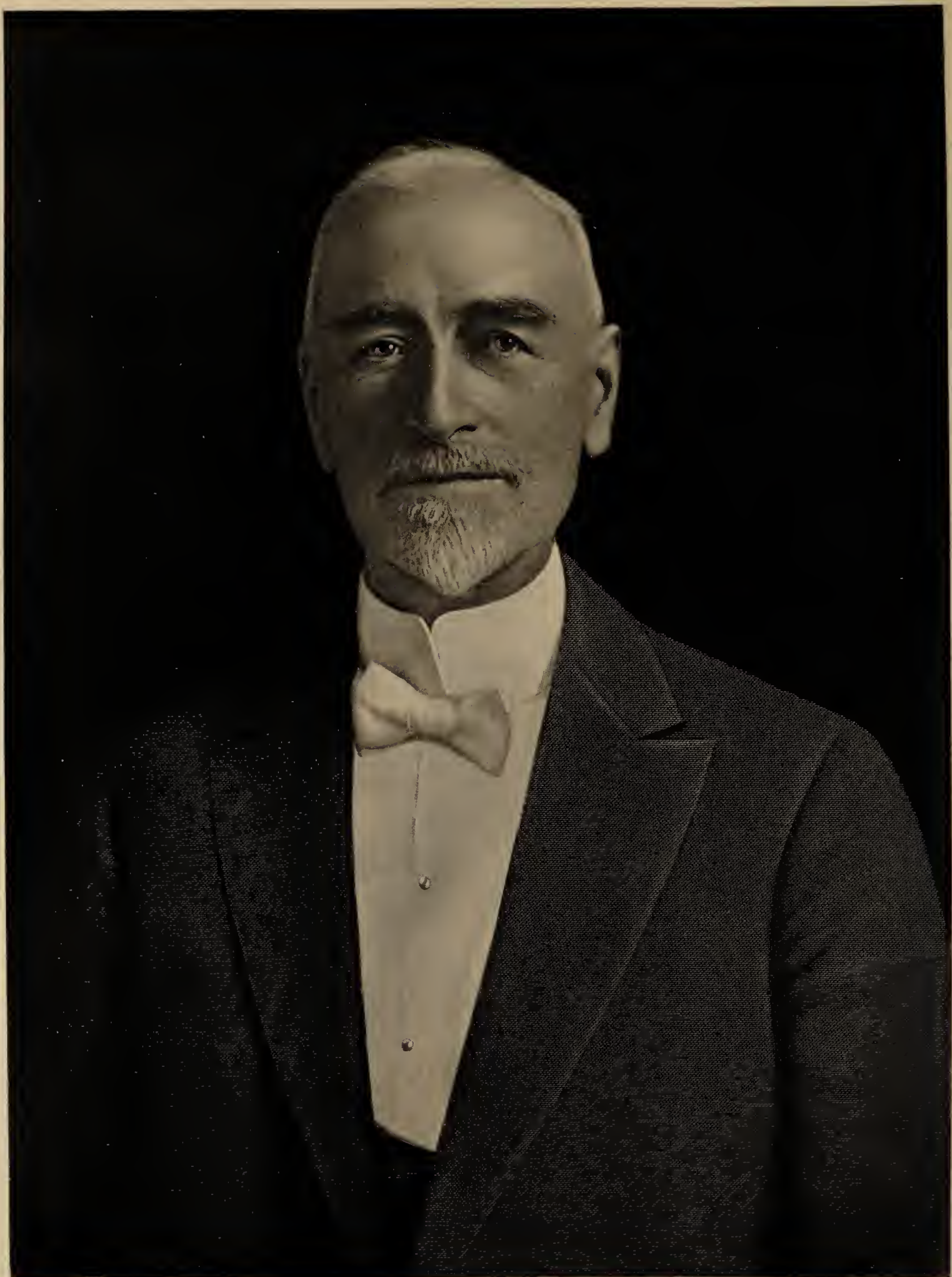
the useful task of curbing the small loan sharks of the city, and has rendered service to thousands of men and women.

The Worcester Collateral Loan Association was formed twenty-six years ago, as a direct result of an appeal for help by a local loan-shark victim, to Charles E. Burnham. A clerk in a Main Street store had borrowed one hundred dollars on a note with chattel security at a rate of sixty per cent per annum interest, and when he had paid in interest ninety dollars, the broker demanded the entire one hundred dollars or the furniture. The young man appealed for help to Mr. Burnham, who paid the amount due and at the same time severely criticized the high interest rates charged. The reply of the broker caused Mr. Burnham to respond with a quiet but firm statement that he would take steps to stop that kind of business in Worcester. The story of the fulfillment of that threat is the history of the Worcester Collateral Loan Association. After consultation with Miss Miriam F. Witherspoon, secretary of the local Associated Charities, Mr. Burnham, upon her recommendation, communicated with the Boston Workingmen's Loan Association, which was the first company in the United States to found an association for the purpose of making chattel loans at low rates of interest for the benefit of the borrower. Copies of all forms, methods of accounting, and legal blanks necessary for the organization of a company for the city of Worcester were secured from Robert Treat Paine, treasurer of the last-named concern, and soon afterward the first of Mr. Burnham's threatened "steps" to stop that kind of business was carefully taken. The procedure as related in the twentieth anniversary report in 1917 being as follows:

The first step locally was to copy from the records of the Worcester city clerk a list of the total chattel mortgage business. This showed \$50,000 loans made on chattel mortgage security in one year's time, all on a basis of interest charges from 60% to 120% per annum. A subscription book was at once started with a plan to raise a capital of \$10,000 and organize a local corporation with which to try and remedy the existing loan situation. Dr. Charles L. Nichols subscribed for the first share of stock and gave Mr. Burnham a kind letter of introduction to Hon. Stephen Salisbury. Mr. Salisbury at once subscribed for \$1,000, and said, "Come back again if you fail in raising the capital." Members of the local society of Associated Charities subscribed for almost the entire \$10,000 wanted. The active help of Miss Witherspoon, the secretary of the Associated Charities, helped greatly in raising the money. After a hard eleven months' canvassing by Mr. Burnham in connection with his insurance business, \$8,000 was subscribed. A second call on Mr. Salisbury secured the last \$2,000 of capital stock.

A meeting of subscribers was at once called and it was delegated to Judge Charles Thornton Davis and Henry L. Parker, Esq., to draw up a charter and make application to the General Court, through the Committee on Banks and Banking, for a charter. Mr. Burnham presented the petition, and the same was approved April 17, 1896. Not one dollar was expended for expense of organization or incorporation. The legal advice and help for organization was all contributed by Henry L. Parker, Esq., and Judge Charles Thornton Davis, and the organization work done by Charles E. Burnham. The first meeting for organization was held on June 22, 1896, at rooms of the Associated Charities, the call being signed by Henry L. Parker, Esq., John F. Kyes, Chas. E. Burnham, Alexander DeWitt, George F. Blake, Jr., George T. Dewey, Esq., Dr. Charles L. Nichols, Francis H. Dewey, Esq., Judge Charles Thornton Davis.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held on August 12, 1896, at rooms of the Associated Charities. They organized by the election of Henry L. Parker, Esq., as president, A. L. D. Buxton as vice-president, Charles Thornton Davis, Esq., as clerk, and



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Charles E. Burnham as treasurer. The business of making loans was started in November, 1896, in the insurance office of John F. Crowell, who kindly donated desk room in connection with the business of the treasurer, Chas. E. Burnham. The first cashier and bookkeeper was Lola B. Andrews, and the total salary list for the first year was only \$700. This small operating cost allowed a dividend of 4% to be earned and paid in the first year's business. Twenty years ago a large amount of small loans were being made by foremen and small capitalists in the shop to their shopmates who could not finance themselves on the monthly payment plan then prevailing. The average rate charged was 60% to 120%. No regular brokers were charging less than 60% per annum. The Worcester "Daily Telegram" gave very valuable news items so that there was a rush of borrowers wanting to change 60% contracts to the new loan association.

Loan No. 1 was applied for and granted before the printed mortgage blanks were ready for business, and was made on November 21, 1896. The first month's business was a complete surprise to the Board of Directors, fifty-three loans being made amounting to \$4,283, with fifty-five applications rejected amounting to \$4,417. As a direct result of the first year's competition, almost all of the loan brokers on chattel mortgages at the high rates of interest went out of the business and Mr. Burnham had proven himself able to keep his word to the loan sharks. Predictions were freely made to some of the stockholders that loans could not be made without failure, at the low interest rates as advertised, on account of the large losses sure to come, but twenty-six years of increasing success has silenced these prophets of calamity.

In March, 1887, the capital stock was doubled to \$20,000, in 1888 another addition of \$10,000 was made, and in 1900 the capital stock was increased to \$45,000. In 1902 the stock was increased to \$60,000, and in 1905 to \$70,200, where it has since remained. This with the present surplus of about \$50,000 with facilities for bank loans seems entirely adequate to accommodate all legitimate demands for small loans in the City of Worcester. Hon. Stephen Salisbury, one of our wealthiest residents, found the Association a very convenient place to which they can refer borrowers, knowing they will be accommodated if the loan is wise. Many corporations are finding it pays to do some planning to relieve worthy employees from financial troubles. It is being proved cheaper to take care of needy men rather than to discharge them and break in new men.

A department for making loans on pledges of watches, diamonds and jewelry was added in 1901. An attempt was made to lower the rate of interest to 1% per month, but the volume of business proved too small to provide sufficient revenue. The rate was restored to the 1½% per month, and the change of all of 50% in rate did not seem to either stimulate or retard the daily demand from those in need of money.

At the end of the first year's business the desk room with Mr. Crowell proved too small for the growing business, and suitable rooms were secured in the State Mutual Building. About fifteen years ago, these quarters proving too small, the present commodious rooms were secured in the Slater Building. The concern does not encourage, if known, habits of chronic borrowers, or try to induce people to pay bills costing nothing for credit with borrowed cash costing interest expense. It has always counselled small loans for necessary uses only. It has tried to act as a conservator in granting loans to the applicants. The foundation thought has been to help people out of trouble rather than to advise borrowing to pay bills. It has, until this last year, spent only a small sum annually for advertising, being careful not to try to stimulate public demand for borrowing, thinking money advertising should be largely to stimulate thrift and saving.

In the year 1900 this Association was invited to attend a conference at Buffalo, New York, of all the then existing Remedial Companies of the United States. This was to be at the same time and place as the National Conference of Charities and Correction. The result of this conference was the organization of the National Federation of Remedial Loan Associations and the endorsement of the work by the Russell Sage Foundation. Fourteen societies were represented at this first meeting and much effective missionary work was done with delegates to the Charities Conference. The Russell Sage Foundation at once organized a special department, called a Division of Remedial Loans, and this special work was put in charge of Director Arthur H. Ham. Information, forms and data necessary for the organization of a remedial loan company anywhere in the United States has been

freely and promptly furnished by the Russell Sage Foundation. This effort has resulted largely in the organization of companies in most of the large cities in the United States, until we have thirty-six companies represented in the National Federation. Legislation favoring reasonable rates of interest for the benefit of any State or community has always been advocated. Mr. Ham has always been prominent in opposing any and all legislation for the benefit of high interest rates to increase the money lenders' profits. Annual conventions have been held in Boston, Buffalo, New York, and Detroit, and reports of attempted fraud and classification of bad debts have been of great benefit to the Federation members.

John W. Litchfield, the present treasurer (1923) of the Worcester Collateral Loan Association, was born in Cohasset, Massachusetts, son of A. Bradford, a native of Scituate, and of Eliza J. (Whitcomb) Litchfield, who was born in Cohasset, Massachusetts. The Litchfield family is one of the oldest in New England. It was established there in 1632 by Lawrence Litchfield, who came to this country in 1635. Mr. Litchfield is descended directly from him. He received his education in the public schools of his native city and after the completion of his high school course entered the employ of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, which connection he maintained for a period of four years. He then became associated with the E. W. Lynch Furniture Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, with whom he remained until he began his connection with the Worcester Collateral Loan Association, which he first served as an appraiser. Since that time his whole ability and energy has been devoted to the interests of the latter concern, and he has steadily risen until now (1923) he is the very efficient and devoted treasurer. He has held the latter position since 1918, and his deep interest in the work which the Worcester Collateral Loan Association has done and is still doing, together with his enthusiasm and his ability, are important factors in the steadily increasing success and usefulness of the concern. Mr. Litchfield is a member of the Adams Square Congregational Church of Worcester, and has held numerous offices there, at present being a member of the standing committee.

John W. Litchfield married, at Worcester, A. Edith Wiggin, daughter of Stephen W. and Rebecca (Smith) Wiggin, and they are the parents of one son, Andrew W., who was born May 5, 1904.

EDMUND LORD NICHOLS, of Gardner, as a leading executive of one of the oldest chair manufacturing concerns of Worcester County, Massachusetts, is carrying forward a business interest with which his honored father was identified in the early years of its history. For nearly thirteen years Edmund L. Nichols has been connected with the business, and for six years has filled the responsible office of treasurer. One of the well-known young men of Northern Worcester County, Mr. Nichols is held in the highest esteem both by his associates and contemporaries in business, and among the people generally.

Charles Nichols, Mr. Nichols' father, and for many years treasurer of the same concern, was born in Westminster, Massachusetts, July 4, 1847, and was reared and educated there. At the age of twenty-one years he became identified with the firm of Nichols Brothers, of which the present concern is the outgrowth. This business was founded in 1857 by Fred and Francis Nichols,

his elder brothers, and from its earliest activity was a leading concern in the manufacture of chairs. Located in Westminster for more than thirty-five years, Charles Nichols became identified with its progress at the age of twenty-one years, his status from that time having been that of a member of the firm. Not long thereafter a younger brother, Marcus Nichols, was received into the firm, and eventually Charles and Marcus Nichols bought out the founders and carried the business forward together. In 1892 the Westminster plant was discontinued and a fine new structure was erected at Gardner, and with increased facilities and more adequate space, the business was given new impetus. At the time operations were begun in the new building, Reuben S. Stone was received into partnership. A man of broad business experience and long active in the chair industry, he took a leading part in its activities, and when the business was incorporated in 1907 he was made president of the concern. Mr. Nichols becoming treasurer. On September 9, 1907, the plant was destroyed by fire, but the courageous members of the organization only bent their energies the more determinedly toward success, and rebuilt on a larger scale than before. In July, 1917, Charles Nichols retired on account of failing health, and on December 19, 1917, he passed away, leaving behind him a monument of honored esteem in the hearts of all who knew him, as well as the industry with which he had been so long and ably connected. The affairs of the corporation were taken up by younger hands, but the inspiration and faith of the man who carried it through the early years of its history will not lose their influence, but will re-act on the prosperity of the organization. Mr. Nichols was a man of broad sympathies and the highest personal integrity, and his contemporaries of the chair business rendered to him their deepest respect and esteem. Charles Nichols was a member of Charles W. Moore Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fitchburg; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; and also of the Gardner Boat Club. He was well known in banking circles in Worcester County, having been a director of the Westminster National Bank for many years, and later of the Gardner Trust Company, of which latter he was vice-president at the time of his death. He married Alice Brown, also a native of Westminster, Massachusetts, who died in 1901.

Edmund Lord Nichols, son of these parents, was born in Westminster, Massachusetts, February 11, 1890. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he had the further advantage of a course at the Worcester Academy. In the fall of 1910 he entered the plant of the Nichols & Stone Company, Incorporated, as an employee, and about four years later was made a member of the firm, taking his place on the board of directors. For the first six years of his connection with the firm Mr. Nichols acted as their representative on the road, and was very successful in this line of effort. This experience also brought him constantly in touch with the market conditions of the moment, and this has been invaluable to him since, in shaping the policies of the concern. On July 17, 1917, Albert H. Stone, who had been identified with the business since 1902, was

elected president of the corporation, succeeding his father, Reuben S. Stone, and Mr. Nichols was elected treasurer to succeed his father, whose retirement occurred at this time. His subsequent activity has contributed definitely to the progress of the interest, and as one of the younger executives of the chair industry in Gardner, he holds a leading position in the business of the city. Mr. Nichols is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce and bears a part in all movements which have for their object the betterment of civic or social conditions. He has never thus far, however, accepted leadership in public affairs, his time and attention being almost wholly occupied by his business responsibilities. Fraternally he is a member of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; and of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A well-known member of the Chair City Club, Mr. Nichols finds his chief relaxation in outdoor sports, and holds membership also in the Gardner Boat Club. His political affiliation is with the Republican party.

Edmund L. Nichols married, on February 20, 1912, Maude May Carlton, of Gardner, daughter of Luther and Estella (Wright) Carlton, her father for many years an engineer, in the employ of the Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company, of Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have three children: Carlton Edmund, Alice Estelle, and Janet. The family home is at No. 110 Edgell Street, Gardner, Massachusetts.

DR. BARTHOLOMEW P. SWEENEY—Among the successful men of the medical profession in Worcester County is Dr. Bartholomew P. Sweeney, of Leominster, Massachusetts, who for the past ten years has been engaged in general practice in that city. He received his medical education in the State of Maryland, but practically his entire active career has been devoted to caring for his large clientele in Leominster.

Dr. Sweeney was born in Nassau, New Hampshire, February 26, 1887. He is a son of Myles Sweeney, who was born in England, and was engaged in business as a stone mason to the time of his death, and of Ellen (Cowan) Sweeney, a native of the Province of Quebec, Canada, who died in 1914.

Bartholomew P. Sweeney received his early education in the parochial and public schools, including the high school of Nassau, and upon the completion of his high school course he became a student in the medical department of the University of Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1911, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For a year and a half after the completion of his studies he served an internship in the Hebrew Hospital and Mercy Hospital, at Baltimore, Maryland, and at the end of that time decided to devote another year to the study and practice of surgery in the Hebrew Hospital. He then, in 1913, opened an office in Leominster, Massachusetts, and since that time has been continuously engaged in practice there. He has built up a large and important clientele, and has won the esteem both of his professional associates and his many patients,

who honor him not only as a skillful and faithful physician, but as a public-spirited and progressive citizen and a valued friend.

Dr. Sweeney is on the surgical staff of Leominster Hospital; is a member of the Worcester (Massachusetts) District Medical Association; of the Massachusetts Medical Association, and of the American Medical Association, and keeps closely in touch with the newest discoveries and the latest thought of his profession. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Knights of Columbus; of the alumni of the University of Maryland; and Phi Chi fraternity. His religious affiliation is with St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church of Leominster.

On April 28, 1913, Dr. Sweeney married Goldie M. Basley, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of Solomon and Ida (Constantina) Basley. Dr. and Mrs. Sweeney are the parents of three children: Ellen G., Bartholomew, and Bernard.

JONATHAN DAVIS—Among the prominent New England families is that of Davis, and they have long been identified with one of the most important industries of our land, that of agriculture and kindred farming. Jonathan Davis, who was a well-known member of this family, was a farmer and cattle dealer of Sterling, Massachusetts, where for many years he was one of the leading town officers.

Mr. Davis was born in Westford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on June 10, 1830, and died April 11, 1917. He was a son of George and Sophia (Whitcomb) Davis. His grandfather, Jonathan Davis, was a native of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, and a farmer by occupation, and for some years was a resident of Bolton. He died at Billerica, in the same State, at the age of forty-two years, his son, George, the father of Jonathan Davis, of this review, having been born in Bolton.

George Davis began life as a farmer in Westford, and in 1846 moved to Sterling, where he purchased the farm which was later owned and occupied by his son, and resided there until his death, which occurred when he was about sixty-four years of age. His wife, Sophia, who was born in Templeton, Massachusetts, was the daughter of Rufus Whitcomb, a farmer, and she died at the age of sixty-six. She was the mother of four children, one a daughter, Ophelia, who married E. A. Lynde, of Iowa; and a son Jonathan, of whom further. The parents attended the Unitarian church.

Jonathan Davis was educated in the public schools, supplemented by courses of study at the Lancaster High School and the academy at New Ipswich, New Hampshire. In the winter time he taught school, until he was twenty-six years of age, when he bought a half interest in the homestead farm, and after the death of his father he purchased his sister's interest in the property. Before his death Mr. Davis owned, besides the home farm of seventy-five acres, a large amount of outlying land, and was engaged in general farming, keeping a number of cows for his own use, and shipping milk to Boston. Once a week he visited Brighton for the purpose of buying at the markets milk cows, in which he was one of the most extensive dealers in the State, always keeping on hand a number for sale. Mr. Davis always took an

interest in public affairs and gave his services to the community in many offices. He was a Republican in his politics, and was one of the Selectmen of Sterling for nearly twenty years, not continuously, but his activities covered that period in total. During those times when he served as a member of this board he was always its chairman. He served on the Board of Health for an equal period; was Road Commissioner and also Overseer of the Poor; Assessor; and a member of the School Committee. He was also a member of the Worcester East Agricultural Society and the Farmers' Club. In his religious affiliation Mr. Davis attended the Congregational church.

Jonathan Davis married (first), in 1856, Urania Ingalls, of Putney, Vermont. She died four years later, leaving one daughter, Mary, who died October 5, 1917. Mary Davis became the wife of A. M. Wilder, a grain dealer in Somerville, Massachusetts, who died in April, 1923. Mr. Davis married (second) Ellen Smith, of Athol, Massachusetts, daughter of Aden Smith, a retired brick manufacturer. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were the parents of five children: 1. Louise S. 2. George, deceased. 3. Maria. 4. Alice. 5. John A., a sketch of whom follows.

JOHN A. DAVIS—Successful in his individual activities and well known as a prominent citizen of Sterling, Massachusetts, John A. Davis holds a leading position in local affairs both of a business nature and in those interests which contribute to the welfare of the community more directly. A man of energy and ability who has been devoted to practical lines of endeavor for many years, Mr. Davis is thoroughly representative of a group of citizens who have made Worcester County what it is to-day.

The Davis family is an old one in New England, and George Davis, Mr. Davis' grandfather, came to Sterling from Westford, Massachusetts, about 1847, taking a leading place in the local progress during a subsequent period of many years. The Davis farm, where he settled was originally owned by E. Butterick, and was the birthplace of the inventor of Butterick patterns. Jonathan Davis, son of George Davis, and father of the subject of this review, was born in Sterling and became one of the founders of the present firm known as the Wilder, Walker & Davis Company, of which John A. Davis is a member. He married Ellen Smith, also a member of a prominent Massachusetts family.

John A. Davis was born in Sterling, Massachusetts, July 5, 1877. His education was begun in the local public schools, and after covering the high school course he attended Cushing Academy, at Ashburnham, Massachusetts, then returned to the home farm, which he has since conducted successfully. He deals in cattle, and also is a member of the firm above mentioned, which holds a leading position in the lumber industry in this part of the State, buying standing timber and converting it into lumber and cord wood which they distribute at wholesale. This concern was founded by Frank L. Wilder, W. S. Walker, and Jonathan Davis many years ago, and has been an influence for the progress and prosperity of the town of Sterling. Mr. Davis is a well-known figure in the world of finance in this section,

being a director of the Clinton Trust Company and a trustee of the Clinton Savings Bank. A Republican by Political affiliation and always a worker in the ranks of the party, Mr. Davis was elected to the Board of Selectmen in 1915 and still serves. He is a member of Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Clinton, Massachusetts, and Sterling Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and attends the Federated church.

Mr. Davis married, at Boylston, Massachusetts, November 11, 1904, Maud H. Shattuck, daughter of George and Mabel (Clark) Shattuck. Mrs. Davis is a granddaughter of Rufus Watson Shattuck, who was born in the State of Vermont, but when still a young lad removed to Worcester, Massachusetts, and there married Sarah M. Brittan, of Worcester. Mrs. Davis' mother is a daughter of George W. and Myra (Harmon) Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are the parents of four children, all born in Sterling: Jonathan, born October 7, 1905, now attending Dartmouth College, class of 1927; Mabelle, born September 26, 1907; Evelyn Elizabeth, born November 18, 1909; and George Shattuck, born December 8, 1911.

GEORGE E. PROULX—A member of the Massachusetts bar and a legal advisor of the United States Government during the World War, Mr. Proulx was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, June 13, 1890, son of John B. and Mary (Simpson) Proulx. His father, who is of French descent, has long been a resident of Southbridge.

Mr. Proulx received his preliminary education in the Notre Dame Parochial School at Southbridge, and also College Monnoir, St. John, Quebec, and St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vermont. He also attended the Bancroft School at Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1914, then entered the law department of the Boston University in the autumn of the same year. An active and ambitious student, Mr. Proulx, during his years of legal training, did not confine his reading to the prescribed course, but seized every opportunity to examine the historical background of substantive law and methods of legal procedure. He was graduated from Boston University with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1917. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Proulx took the State examination and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Leominster during the same year and has taken an active part in the legal affairs of Worcester County ever since. For some time past he has been a master of chancery at Leominster. He is also clerk *pro tempore* of the courts, a Notary Public, and holds the position of Probation Officer, also of Justice of the Peace. He has been a member of the Worcester County Bar Association for several years, and as a member of the Legal Advisory Board during the World War, he gave a great deal of his time to United States Government Work in Worcester County.

A man of many affairs, and a staunch believer in the importance of local commerce and industry, Mr. Proulx has made large investments in Leominster and the surrounding country and takes the keenest and most practical interest in the business affairs of the community. He is a director of the Model Comb Company, and a

trustee of the Leominster Realty Company. A leader in local Franco-American affairs, he is president of the Club Laurier, Inc., and belongs to the Artisans-Chevaliers de Lafayette. He also holds membership in the Conseil Bourget, No. 280, of L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique; the Court Chapleau, No. 10, Franco-American Foresters, and is Supreme Sub Chief of the latter. He is also a member of the Leominster lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A representative member of a very old French Catholic family, Mr. Proulx is himself a Catholic and a member of the parish of St. Cecilia's French Roman Catholic Church of Leominster.

Mr. Proulx married, on June 20, 1921, Laura Coté, daughter of Napoleon and Delia (Vijeant) Coté.

LIONEL B. KAVANAGH—As sole owner and manager of the Standard Tool Company of Leominster, Lionel B. Kavanagh is at the head of a business which is the largest of its kind in the United States. The concern is engaged in the manufacture of tools and specializes in tools used in the celluloid industry. It is in the latter branch of production that the Standard Tool Company ranks first, and manufacturers of celluloid combs and of celluloid toilet articles and novelties in every part of the East are using the products of Mr. Kavanagh's plant.

Alfred P. Kavanagh, father of Lionel B. Kavanagh, was a native of England, where he learned his trade, being bound out as an apprentice for seven years. When he came to the United States he worked at his trade first in Providence, Rhode Island, later going to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he acted as foreman for a number of years. Then, on account of ill health, he engaged in the life insurance business and so continued until his death. He married Elizabeth Price, who became the mother of Lionel B., and is now (1923) living at her summer home, "The Grafton," at Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Lionel B. Kavanagh was born in Providence, Rhode Island, April 19, 1889, and received his education in the public schools of Fitchburg and of Leominster. Upon the completion of his course in the Leominster High School he prepared for a business career by taking a course in the Fitchburg Business College, and then entered the employ of the Viscoloid Company of Leominster, with whom he learned the trade of toolmaker and die sinker. His next position was with M. Falk & Company as foreman of the die department, and that connection he maintained for a period of two years. In 1911 he became associated with F. A. Adams in the organization of the concern which is now known as the Standard Tool Company. They engaged in the manufacture of a general line of tools, but specialized in those implements which are used in the manufacture of celluloid articles, such as combs, toilet articles, and novelties. The present Standard Tool Company is the consolidation of three companies: The Stowell Company, the Frank A. Cook Company, and the Standard Tool Company. They were first located at No. 300 Whitney Street, then at No. 15 Summer Street, and are now at No. 75 Water Street. Mr. Kavanagh acquired all these. At first the plant contained 400 square feet of floor space, but now



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comprises three floors with an aggregate floor space of 12,000 feet. From the beginning the enterprise was successful, and during the more than twelve years of its existence has been steadily growing. The output of the concern has been steadily increasing, and at the present time thirty-five workmen are required to do the work of the plant. The F. A. Cook Company was established in 1884 by Frank A. Cook, and its interests represent a valuable part of the Standard Tool Company's holdings. Though Mr. Kavanagh is still engaged in producing a general line of tools, he has also continued to specialize in tools designed for the use of the celluloid industry, and in that particular branch he ranks first in the country. For eleven years, 1913-1924, Mr. Kavanagh has been the owner of the entire enterprise, and his ability as an executive has been fully demonstrated. Fraternally he is affiliated with Leominster Lodge, No. 1237, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a fourth degree member. His clubs are the Monoosnock Country Club, the Leominster Club, the Worcester Country Club, and the Leominster Country Club. His religious connection is with St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church of Leominster. Golf and fishing are Mr. Kavanagh's recreations, principally fishing. Every year he takes a fishing trip or two to Canada and Maine.

Mr. Kavanagh married, on June 8, 1911, Ada M. Ferrell, who was born in West Fitchburg, Massachusetts, daughter of John and Mary (O'Dea) Ferrell. Mr. and Mrs. Kavanagh are the parents of one son, John Alfred, who was born in Leominster, November 26, 1914.

JAMES HENRY WALSH, JR., A. B., LL. B.—In north Worcester County, Massachusetts, the name of James Henry Walsh, Jr., holds a prominent place in professional circles. A leader in the younger generation, gifted with fine mental endowment and marked ability as a speaker, Mr. Walsh comes of a family long prominent in the public life of Leominster, Massachusetts, and his father, James Henry Walsh, has for many years served as postmaster of Leominster.

James Henry Walsh, Jr., was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, February 24, 1889, and is a son of James Henry and Lillian E. Walsh. His early education was received in the public schools of Leominster, and in the year 1904 he entered Goddard Seminary, of Barre, Vermont. After a four years' course at that institution, Mr. Walsh entered Clark University, at Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His choice of a profession made, he entered Boston University School of Law in the fall of the same year and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1913, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of the State of Massachusetts, September 12, 1913, Mr. Walsh became a member of the firm of Walsh & Walsh, attorneys, of Fitchburg and Boston. As a member of this important firm, Mr. Walsh has gained a high position in his chosen field of activity and his ability as an advocate, as well as his profound knowledge of the law, makes him a formidable adversary and a strong ally. He is widely sought professionally and has handled much practice in the interest of financial and other institu-

tions, although principally active along general lines. He is a Democrat by political affiliation, but although a loyal supporter of the principles of the party and a worker in its ranks, he has been too busy to accept public responsibilities. Still a young man, looking forward to many years of usefulness, he is considered one of the strong men of the profession in Worcester County, and great things are expected of him in the future. During the World War Mr. Walsh enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve and was assigned to an officers' training camp, but the armistice intervened before he was commissioned. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, Worcester County Bar Association, the Fitchburg Bar Association, and fraternally is identified with Fitchburg Lodge, No. 847, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Fitchburg Post, No. 10, American Legion, of which he was commander in 1920. His clubs are the Fay Club of Fitchburg, the Oak Hill Country Club of Fitchburg, the Colonial Club of Leominster, and of the Gamma Eta Gamma fraternity. His religious affiliation is with St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church of Fitchburg.

Mr. Walsh married, on July 16, 1917, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Margaurite Alice Sheehan, daughter of Timothy and Mary Sheehan, both now deceased.

DR. JOHN L. (J. LOWELL) BACON—Worcester County is served by a notable body of men of the medical profession, men who have carefully prepared to meet the responsibilities of their chosen field of activity and who have devoted their energy and their ability to the efficient discharge of the duties of their practical professional careers. One of the well known and successful physicians of the county is Dr. John L. Bacon, who for the past two decades has been engaged in general practice in Southboro.

Dr. Bacon was born in Belchertown, Massachusetts, July 1, 1875, son of John L. and Sarah (Charles) Bacon. After receiving his early education in the public schools of his native city he prepared for college in Munson Academy, and then matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1897 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then continued his medical studies for another year, as a student in the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia. After serving an internship of eighteen months in the Philadelphia City Hospital he became associated with the Massachusetts State Hospital at Westboro, where he remained for a period of three years. In 1903 he removed to Southboro, Massachusetts where he opened an office and engaged in general practice. During the more than two decades which have passed since that time he has been continuously and successfully engaged in taking care of the needs of a very large and steadily increasing practice. His patients come, not only from Southboro, but from a large section of country surrounding that city. Among his professional associates, as well as among his many patients, Dr. Bacon is held in very high esteem. He has always devoted the greater portion of his time and energy to his professional responsibilities, but along with his many duties as a physician he has found time to render valuable public service, mostly of a professional nature.

During the World War Dr. Bacon served as chairman and medical advisor of the Draft Board, and he has also served as medical examiner for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, the New York Life Insurance Company, the Metropolitan, the State Mutual, the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, and the Pennsylvania Life Insurance Company. For twelve years he has been associate medical examiner for Worcester County. Professionally he is affiliated with the Worcester County Medical Society, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and the American Medical Society. Fraternally he affiliates with St. Bernard Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Houghton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Marlboro. His religious affiliation is with St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Southboro.

Dr. John L. Bacon married, on October 16, 1906, at Southboro, Massachusetts, Ruby B. Barney, daughter of John and Georgia (Safford) Barney.

ALFRED D. HARRINGTON, LL. B.—The younger professional men of Worcester, Massachusetts, form a group in which the city may well take pride as her hope for the future, and in this group Alfred D. Harrington holds a prominent position and is taking a leading place in the legal profession in this city. Mr. Harrington is a son of Thomas D. Harrington, who was born in Ireland and came to the United States as a young man about 1888. He located in Worcester, and after a time entered the employ of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company until he was killed at an early age while in the performance of his duties, on October 27, 1915. The mother, Elizabeth McGee, who was also born in Ireland, still survives him. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington were married in Worcester, where all their children were born and still reside. They were the parents of six sons and two daughters, as follows: Alfred D., of further mention; Sylvester L., May M., Emmet R., Madeline, deceased; Thomas D., Francis, and Everett.

Alfred D. Harrington was born at Warren, Massachusetts, March 1, 1893. His early education was received in the public schools of Worcester and he received his professional training at Boston University School of Law, from which he was graduated in the class of 1913, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Unable to practice law until twenty-one years of age, he was not admitted to the bar of the State until the following year, but since 1914 has practiced with steadily increasing success at his present offices in the Park Building in Worcester. He follows general lines of practice, and is winning his way to more than ordinary success. His friends are confident that the future has in store for him high honor and distinction. Mr. Harrington is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and the Knights of Columbus, and attends the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church.

CHARLES L. MORSE—In the world of finance in Worcester County Mr. Morse holds a prominent position as head of the firm of Morse, Bliss & Company, investment brokers, and is one of the successful men in this field in Worcester County. Mr. Morse is a son of William H. and Mary H. (Moore) Morse, for many

years residents of Worcester, the father during his lifetime prominent as a banker and broker.

Charles L. Morse was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, July 3, 1883. His early education was received in the public and high schools of the city, and he attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute. His first business experience was in the employ of the Crompton-Knowles Loom Works, of Worcester, where he acted as draftsman, also working in the cost department. In January, 1907, Mr. Morse became identified with the firm of B. F. Sturtevant & Company of Boston, as salesman, and continued with them for nearly three years, or until November, 1909. He then became associated with William A. Read & Company, now known as Dillon, Read & Company, bankers and brokers, of New York City. There he was engaged as a salesman and continued with the firm until November, 1914. At that time Mr. Morse returned to Worcester and opened his own office at No. 390 Main Street as investment broker and banker. With his former breadth of experience and the natural ability which had carried him thus far, Mr. Morse soon attained a position of large prominence, and after a time, in order to broaden the scope of his activities, he formed a partnership with two associates in July, 1920, under the name of Morse, Bliss & Smith. On January 1, 1922, the firm was succeeded by the present organization under the title of Morse, Bliss & Co., with offices at No. 372 Main Street, Worcester. This firm has developed an extensive clientele and is handling large interests in the way of investments, bonds, and local securities. It also acts as correspondent for the Boston firm of Parkinson & Burr. Mr. Morse is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Quinsigamond Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Worcester; the University Club of Worcester, and the Economic Club, also the Tatnuck Country Club and Worcester Club. Politically he supports the Republican party, but his interest in the public affairs is only that of a progressive citizen.

Mr. Morse married, on September 16, 1916, at Grafton, Massachusetts, Gertrude M. Sawyer, daughter of William and Frances (Weld) Sawyer, and they have two children: Charles L., Jr., born December 12, 1917; and Anne Weld, born December 31, 1919.

FRANK S. MILLS, as president and general manager of the Southbridge Foundry Company, Incorporated, holds a leading position in the industrial world of Southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, and his activities are contributing not only to his own success but to the advance of industrial interests in this section and to the general prosperity of this community. Mr. Mills is a son of James Mills, who was born at Paisley, Scotland, and was engaged in the lumber business in Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada, until his death, which occurred in 1921. The mother, Jennie (Knapp) Mills, was born at Haverhill, Vermont, and died in 1912. Her great-grandfather Bailey served in the Revolutionary War.

Frank S. Mills was born at Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada, December 12, 1868. His education was acquired in the public schools of his birthplace, and after completing his studies he became identified with



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foundry work, which he followed as an employee until the year 1922. In 1885 he located in Worcester and followed his trade there for several years, and after that had charge of several foundries in various places until 1922. At that time, in association with Frank G. Hoff and M. E. Mills, Mr. Mills established the present interest in Southbridge. This concern manufactures a general line of gray iron castings for the trade and they employ about twenty men. Although it is only a comparatively short period since the concern was established they have grown materially and now occupy about 35,000 square feet of floor space and are constantly increasing the scope of their activity. This is the first and only foundry in active operation in Southbridge. During the World War Mr. Mills was active in the employ of the Ingersoll, Rand Company of Canada as inspector of shells, also with the Laconia Car Works at Laconia, New Hampshire, an important American plant in a similar capacity. As a young man he served one enlistment in the Canadian militia, with the rank of sergeant. Mr. Mills has commanded the esteem and confidence of the people of Southbridge during his residence in this community, and is an active member of the Manufacturers' Association of that town. Fraternally Mr. Mills is identified with the Improved Order of Red Men, and his religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Mr. Mills married (first), in 1891, Gertrude Poole, who was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, and died in the year 1902, leaving one son, Reginald Francis, born in 1902. Mr. Mills married (second), in 1903, Mary E. Jellison, who was born at Ellsworth, Maine, and they reside on Park Avenue, in Southbridge.

BURTON E. JOHNSON, engaged in the printing business from the time of leaving school until the present, has advanced to the position of president of the Leominster Printing Company, Inc., of Leominster, Massachusetts. His parents were Denzel and Hattie E. (Burpee) Johnson, the latter of whom was born at Westminister, Massachusetts, and died in 1884. The father, a native of Leominster, was in business as a carpenter contractor.

Burton E. Johnson was born in Leominster, Worcester, County, Massachusetts, February 11, 1874. His education was obtained in the local public schools, and when completed he turned his attention to learning the printer's trade with the Leominster Enterprise Company. After nine years employment in that concern he left Leominster to go to Boston, Massachusetts, where he remained in the printing business for eighteen years. He then returned to Leominster and entered the Leominster Printing Company's establishment, of which he became president, and of which Ralph A. Whitney is treasurer and one of the organizers (see sketch following). Fraternally he is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men and the Grange, having passed through the various chairs in both orders, acting as trustee in each. He attends the Unitarian church of Leominster.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Tressa M. Russell, a native of Nova Scotia, to whom was born one child, Elmer R.

JOSEPH AUGUSTUS TITUS, colonel, lawyer, manufacturer of violins, was born in Leicester, January 21, 1838, son of Vernon and Mary (Moore) Titus. Vernon Titus was born in Sutton, April 3, 1803, died in Leicester, January 4, 1879. He was a music teacher, builder, and farmer. He was descended from Robert Titus, one of the original purchasers of the town of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, and brother of Colonel Silas Titus, of the English Parliament, a "Roundhead." Mary (Moore) Titus, wife of Vernon Titus, was born in Worcester in December, 1801, and died in Leicester, March 3, 1853; she was a daughter of David Moore and granddaughter of David Moore, of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Titus were the parents of the following children: Helen Moore, born in Millbury, April 7, 1831, died unmarried, January 2, 1906, in Leicester; Mary Ann, born in Millbury, April 19, 1832, died in May, 1916, married Samuel G. Davis; and Joseph Augustus of this review.

Joseph A. Titus was educated in the public schools of Leicester, in Leicester Academy (graduating in 1859), and in Amherst College, from which he was graduated in 1863, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He read law in this city and was admitted to the bar in 1868. Beginning to practice law here in 1868, he continued until 1891, when he opened an office in Orange, Massachusetts, moving two years later to Athol and later returning to Worcester, where he practiced from 1900 to 1904. After spending the following year in Boston he returned to Athol in 1906, and resumed practice. Upon his retirement, March 1, 1913, he returned to Worcester and since then he has made violins as a business. He has made a study of violin making from early youth, seeking to establish the model which will produce the tone that appeals to the taste of the artist. He has repaired many violins during the years of his law practice in his leisure hours.

Generally a Republican, he has always been independent. He has devoted much time to the study and discussion of political questions, addressing audiences in various parts of the Commonwealth, and he has lectured on many subjects, especially on agriculture and the raising of cattle for beef. Soon after his admission to the bar he was appointed by Governor A. H. Bullock Associate Justice of the Municipal District Court of Worcester, an office he held five years. In 1872 he was elected Representative to the General Court, serving one term. Later he served in the Common Council one term. He is a veteran of the Civil War, enlisting in July, 1862, in Company F, 42d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, served as orderly sergeant and was mustered out August 20, 1864. He reënlisted in August, 1864, in Company F, 60th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, served as second and first lieutenant, and was mustered out in November, 1864. During the following winter he was appointed by Colonel Ansel D. Wass, adjutant of the 62d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. At that time he was teaching in the Leicester High School and was to join the regiment at the end of the term, but the war ended the day that school closed. He continued in the military service in the State militia, serving as captain of the Worcester City Guards; was appointed major and inspector-general of the 3d Brigade by General Robert H. Chamberlain; later was com-

missioned lieutenant-colonel and assistant adjutant-general, serving on staff duty for six years. He was a member of the old Worcester Home Guard after the Civil War, and a charter member of the Worcester Continentals.

Colonel Titus has made music his principal recreation, and for twenty-one years was a member of some church choir in the city, singing tenor. He is a charter member of George H. Ward Post, No. 10, Grand Army of the Republic, and commanded the post four years. In 1898 he was judge advocate of the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic, by appointment of Department Commander William H. Bartlett. He is now patriotic instructor of the Grand Army. He is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, and was a member of the old Hancock Club. In religion he is a Congregationalist.

Colonel Titus married, in this city, in 1868, Bertha G. Manning, born at Paxton, in 1840, died October 19, 1894, daughter of David and Lucy (Grosvenor) Manning. Her parents were both born in Paxton. Her father was a shoe manufacturer of Worcester, Paxton, and Leicester. Colonel and Mrs. Titus had three children: George Augustus, born June 4, 1870; Albert Grosvenor, born September 10, 1872; and Bertha Manning, born January 23, 1878, who married Herbert E. Currier.

RALPH A. WHITNEY, as one of the organizers of the Leominster Printing Company, Inc., is well known to many citizens in Leominster, Massachusetts, where he was born and has since lived. He is a son of Elwin F. and Ida F. (Danforth) Whitney, the former a native of Vermont and engaged in the jewelry business in Leominster until his death in 1892; the mother is still living in Leominster, which is her birthplace.

Ralph A. Whitney, born June 13, 1887, was educated in the Leominster public schools, and after leaving the high school learned the printer's trade. Six years later he formed a partnership with H. M. Owens, starting in October, 1911, the Leominster Printing Company, which was incorporated in 1915 with the following officers: Burton E. Johnson, president, a sketch of whom precedes; Ralph A. Whitney, treasurer, and Susie E. Whitney, secretary. This company occupies about 3,000 square feet of floor space, and is the largest in the country printing comb, pin, and novelty cards for the celluloid trade, in which they specialize; they also do general printing. Mr. Whitney is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Improved Order of Red Men, New England Order of Protection, and the Leominster Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Whitney has three children: Edward Forrest, Ralph Raymond, and Eleanor.

GEORGE P. NORTON, M. D., of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, has won distinction in his chosen profession, and is numbered among the leading physicians of Worcester County. With special training covering an unusually long period of time, and comprehensive experience, Dr. Norton's success has become well known throughout the State of Massachusetts, and he is considered an authority in the realm of his specialties. He is a member of an old and honored family of Ireland, his grandfather, John Norton, having been a pioneer in America.

John Norton came to this country in middle life, settling in Savannah, Georgia, and became a prosperous leather merchant. Patrick Norton, his son, and Dr. Norton's father, was born in Ireland, and was a little child when he came to this country with his parents. Coming North as a young man, he became interested in railroad activities and for thirty-five years was an engineer for the Old Colony Railroad, now the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. He married Mary Nester, also a member of a prominent family. The Nester family, however, longer residents in America.

George P. Norton was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, January 1, 1874. Attending first the public schools of his birthplace and later the Fitchburg High School, he eventually realized his youthful ambition in covering the medical course at the Bellevue Medical College in New York City, from which he was graduated in the class of 1895 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Norton's professional experience began as interne at the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital, where he spent one year and later spent a similar period at the New York Polyclinic Hospital. Returning to Fitchburg he took up the general practice of medicine and has won a leading place in his chosen field of endeavor. His success in surgical work was marked from the beginning, and he has now for many years served on the staff of the Burbank Hospital of Fitchburg. He served three years as city physician and was appointed by President Wilson United States pension examiner for the Fitchburg district. He also served for a number of years as medical examiner for this city.

Dr. Norton is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and Worcester North Medical Society, and in all that pertains to medical and surgical advance he keeps in close touch with the movement of the times. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is prominent in local social circles. He is a member of St. Bernard's Church.

Dr. Norton married, in the year 1910, Edna Dole, daughter of Myron and Annie Dole, and they are the parents of three children: George, born October 14, 1914; Nancy, born July 12, 1916; and Joseph, born January 12, 1918.

JOHN I. HASTINGS—The career of a man who has been the architect of his own fortune is always interesting, and the Hastings family of Clinton, Massachusetts, is very well represented in the annals of that town through the achievements of the two sons of this family. The elder son, John I. Hastings, was born August 27, 1888, in Clinton, and his brother, whose biography follows, was born four years later.

John I. Hastings was a son of Thomas and Mary Hastings, and attended the public schools of Clinton. He entered high school but did not complete his studies there, starting to make his own way in the world when he was sixteen years of age. His first employment was in the mills of Clinton, and for nine years he followed similar occupations. In 1913 he secured a position with the packing firm of Swift & Company, starting as a teamster and doing other lines of general work. So well did he perform his various tasks that he received rapid promotion from time to time, eventually being appointed

manager of the Clinton branch of this firm. During his managership there has been a noticeable increase in the volume of business, the first year showing a total reaching to 100,000 pounds. This has steadily grown with each year, and Mr. Hastings has made himself one of the valued employees of this firm through his business acumen, he has likewise attained a place of high standing in the community where he resides. Mr. Hastings is identified with movements of general interest to the advance of Clinton, and is an active supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and prominent in several other local organizations. His religious connection is with the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, and in the charitable and committee work of this institution he takes a leading part. The favorite recreations of Mr. Hastings are hunting and fishing, and he forgets the business cares of his office two or three times a year to indulge in these sports. On April 25, 1917, Mr. Hastings married Eva, daughter of John H. and Clarinda (Herbert) Rouleau, and they are the parents of two children: Paul, born November 23, 1920; Natalie, born July 21, 1922.

MICHAEL F. HASTINGS—It is a noticeable fact that the town of Clinton, Massachusetts, has many of its native sons actively engaged in business there, and they represent success and progress. One of these business men who is deserving of mention is Michael F. Hastings, who was born there July 9, 1892, the son of Thomas and Mary (Hastings) Hastings, both parents now living (1923). The former has been employed for several years as a foreman in one of the Clinton mills.

Mr. Hastings attended the public and high schools of his home town and then entered Holy Cross College, where he was a student for two years, discontinuing his studies there to pursue a course in pharmacy at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Mr. Hastings is what is termed a "self-made" man. During the time Mr. Hastings was attending college he was also gaining a practical knowledge of his future profession as an employee in Burke's Drug Store. For five years Mr. Hastings continued this association, three years of which he was attending college and two subsequent to his graduation. In July, 1919, he engaged in the drug business on his own account, with a location on High Street, where he continued until January, 1923, when his store was destroyed by fire, but he has again started in business. Mr. Hastings is a successful business man and a competent and able pharmacist. He is a public-spirited citizen, and a man who enjoys high esteem among his associates. He has been very active in matters of civic interest, and was made a member of the directorate of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce in 1922 in appreciation of his efforts. He is also a member of the Prescott Club, Clinton Lodge, No. 1306, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Knights of Columbus, Clinton Council No. 1701; and of St. John's Church.

Mr. Hastings married, October 5, 1921, Agnes B. Ryder, daughter of Edward J. Ryder, of Clinton.

WILLIAM H. SAVAGE—After several years of shop and selling experience, William H. Savage located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and there founded the

Charlestown Machine Company, Inc., of which he is president. He has continued head of that company since 1908, and has guided its destinies from a small beginning to a recognized place among the industries of Fitchburg. He is a man of ability and integrity, thorough, capable, and equally reliable.

William H. Savage, son of Frederick S. and Susan Jennie (Clark) Savage, was born at Turners Falls, Massachusetts, July 15, 1882, his parents both of Massachusetts birth. He was educated in the public schools of Harvard and Lancaster, Massachusetts, finishing with high school. His first employment was with the Putnam Shop, in Fitchburg, where he spent five years before taking a position with the Fairbanks Scale Company as a traveling salesman, spending three years with that company, resigning in 1908 to begin business for himself as The Charlestown Machine Company, Inc. This company is a corporation manufacturing machine grinding machinery and handling, as sales agent, other lines of machinery, including the Reed Prentice Company's line of machine tools. Mr. Savage is president of the company which he founded, and he has brought the enterprise to a prosperous condition.

In younger years Mr. Savage served a term of enlistment in the Massachusetts National Guard, his term expiring in 1908. He is a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with all bodies of the York and Scottish Rites. He is also a member of the Apollo Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of Fitchburg Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Savage married, April 17, 1901, Inez F. Dodge, daughter of Samuel and Ida (Hunter) Dodge.

JACOB OGAN, LL. B., in legal circles in Worcester County, Massachusetts, is well known as a progressive attorney of Athol, and although he is still a young man and has been active in practice for only a few years, he gives large promise of the future, and is broadly interested in every branch of community advance. He is a son of Harry and Lena Ogan, his father being active in the dry goods business in the city of Lynn.

Jacob Ogan was born in Sidra, Russia, August 14, 1895. Coming to America with his parents in his childhood, he began his education in the public schools of Lynn, and is a graduate of Ingall's Grammar School and the Classical High School of that city. He later covered a course at the Northeastern Preparatory School of Boston, eventually entering the Northeastern College School of Law, also in Boston, from which he was graduated in due course. For three years before taking up his practice Mr. Ogan was active as governor of the Home for Destitute Jewish Children, which is located at Dorchester, Massachusetts, and while serving in this connection he did much for the progress of the home and the improvement of conditions among its inmates. In this connection Mr. Ogan feels under deep obligations to Dr. Solomon Z. Prokesch, superintendent of the institution, and Judge David A. Lourie, of Boston, president, for their helpful advice and friendly attitude while executive of the home. In the year 1919 Mr. Ogan began practice in Lynn, Massachusetts, and early in 1922 in Athol, Massachusetts, where he now has offices at No. 451 Main Street, and where he is handling a

large and constantly increasing practice. He is counted among the successful young men of this community and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him. Mr. Ogan is also an accomplished violinist, and during his earlier years studied with some of the leading violin instructors in Boston. During his school and college years he was a private tutor of the violin, which helped finance his education. During the World War Mr. Ogan served as a member of Company E, 73d Infantry, 12th Division, United States Army. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Samson Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Lynn, and is also a member of Poquaug Club of Athol. He is identified with the Jewish synagogue.

Mr. Ogan married, at Roxbury, Massachusetts, on May 8, 1921, Sarah Singer, daughter of Louis and Ida Singer. Mr. and Mrs. Ogan are the parents of one child, Norman, born August 12, 1922.

JOSEPH C. FEINDEL, M. D., a prominent figure in professional circles in North Dana, Massachusetts, whose long experience, added to an unusually comprehensive preparation, has carried him to a broadly noteworthy position in his chosen profession and given him large success. Dr. Feindel comes of a family for generations distinguished on this side of the Atlantic, and is a grandson of John Feindel, who was a strong Empire loyalist at the time of the Revolutionary War, and leaving Boston, went to Nova Scotia, where he founded the family and spent his remaining years. In direct line from this ancestor, Ozais Feindel was born, in Nova Scotia, and was active as a general merchant and farmer until his death, at the age of seventy-six years, in 1907. The mother, Kate Lucy (Creighton) Feindel, was born in Nova Scotia and died there in 1895. Kate Lucy (Creighton) Feindel was a member of a very old and noteworthy English family, her father a captain in the English regular army, and her grandfather, Colonel John Creighton, was in charge of the English troops in Nova Scotia during the Revolutionary War. Dr. Feindel still has in his possession silverware of Colonel Creighton, which was saved from American privateers by a negro maid, by putting it in the well.

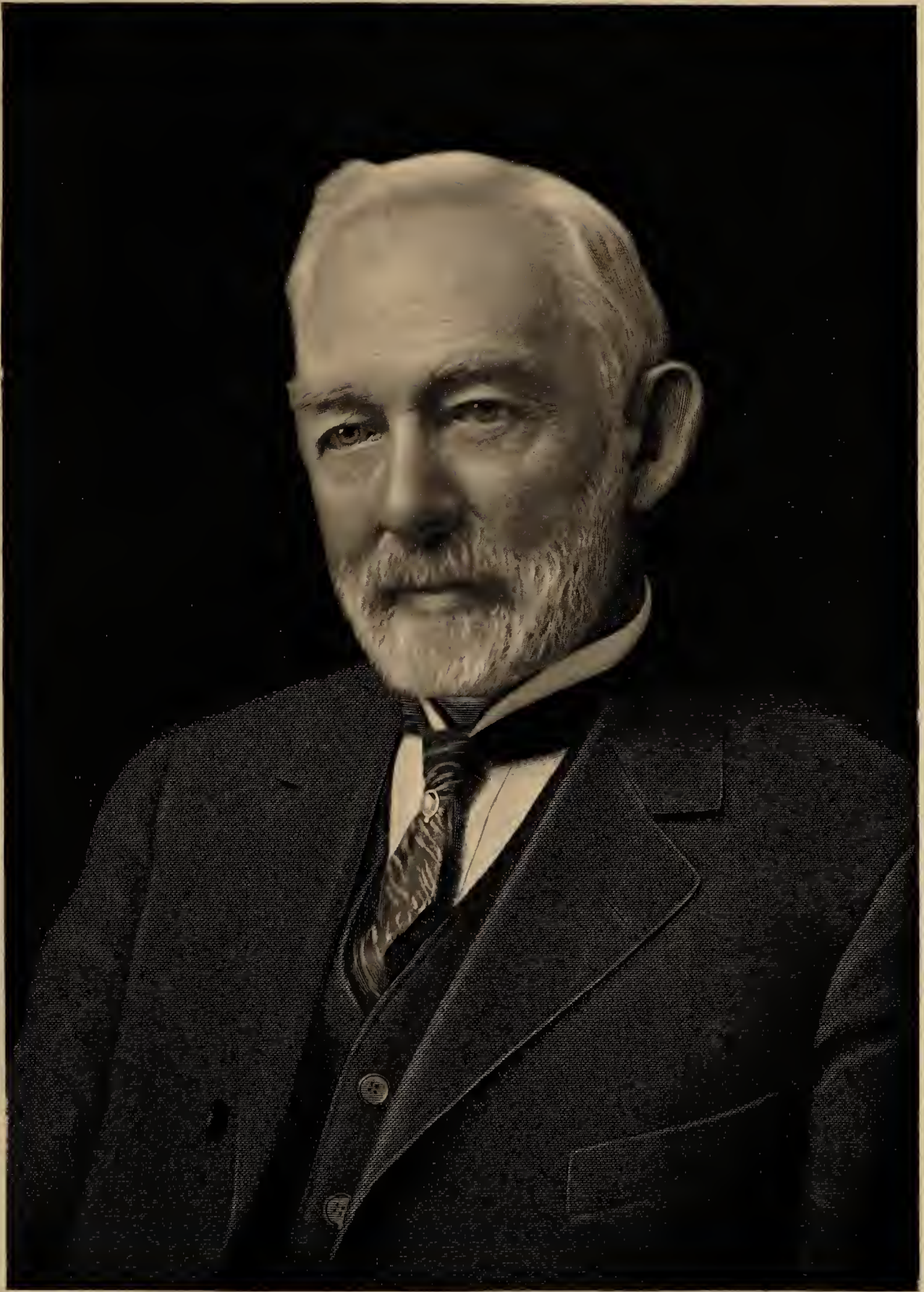
Joseph C. Feindel was born at Nova Scotia, April 25, 1865. Following his early education in the public schools of that province, he completed his academic studies in Nova Scotia, then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Maryland, graduating in 1897. He completed his medical studies at Harvard University and was graduated with the class of 1899, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Returning to his native country to practice, Dr. Feindel was active as a physician until the year 1909, when he went to California and thereafter for nine years practiced in Los Angeles. He then came East and settling in North Dana, Massachusetts, took up the general practice of medicine in this community and has won the confidence and esteem of the people, his success demonstrating his ability in a very definite way. Dr. Feindel has always been interested in public affairs, and has for some years been a citizen of the United States. Supporting the Republican party, Dr. Feindel gives his best endeavors to its advance, but has never thus far taken

a leading part in politics, serving only in such offices as align with his professional work. He was active as county coroner for some years in Nova Scotia, and also connected with the Board of Health. While still practicing in Nova Scotia he was one of the first to advocate quarantine of all communicable diseases, and did much to bring this law into effect. Before his efforts were fruitful of success most of the infectious diseases were not quarantined in that province. He served for eight years as medical officer of the Canadian Militia with the rank of major, and was attached to the 75th Infantry Regiment. He is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. Feindel married, May 23, 1901, at Boston, Massachusetts, Laura Lee Lonhes, of Nova Scotia, daughter of Elkaneh Lonhes, of Nova Scotia. Dr. and Mrs. Feindel are the parents of three children: Katherine Alexandra, born March 29, 1902, a graduate of Athol High School, also Westfield Normal School, and is now teaching school in Hartford, Connecticut; Charlotte Muriel, born June 1, 1904, and Constance Elizabeth, born March 28, 1906, both attended the grade schools, also graduates of Athol High School, class of 1923.

PROFESSOR GEORGE IRA ALDEN—Few are better known or more beloved in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, than is Professor George Ira Alden, chairman of the board of directors of the Norton Company, who for twenty-seven years was head of the mechanical engineering department of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and who, with the late Milton P. Higgins and others, helped to place the institute among the foremost technical schools of the country.

Professor Alden, who is a descendant of John and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden, of the "Mayflower," was born in Templeton, Massachusetts, April 22, 1843, and received his early and preparatory education in the public schools of that town. After graduation from Templeton High School he became a student in the Lawrence Scientific School of Harvard University, from which he graduated with the class of 1868, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. Subsequently, in 1891, he received from Sibley College, Cornell University, the degree of Master of Mechanical Engineering. Meantime, however, before entering Lawrence Scientific School, he had learned the woodworker's trade and worked in various shops, studying evenings to fit himself for the Lawrence School. After graduation, during the fall of 1868, he enlarged his experience and also secured opportunity for further study by serving as assistant to Professor Winlock, director of Harvard College Observatory. In November, 1868, he came to Worcester as a teacher in the Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science, which later became the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. From that time to 1896, a period of twenty-seven years, he was head of the mechanical engineering department of that institution, and the qualities of heart and mind which during that time were freely devoted to the advancement of the interests of the institute and of its students, not only contributed powerfully to the development of the organization, but won in an unusual degree the loyalty and affection of the young men who benefited by his instruction and by his



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personal influence. He made the plans for the buildings and equipment of the engineering, power, and hydraulic laboratories erected in 1895; was twice made acting president; and was one of the most active of the group of devoted and gifted men who placed the little Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science among the best schools of its kind in the country.

But though he was naturally gifted as a teacher, Professor Alden was much more than a teacher, and in that fact may be found the secret of his success as an instructor. He was an inventor and a creator, a pioneer in the field of technical education, and each step of his developing theory was put into practice in his laboratories. As a result of this method of combining theory and practice there was established in the institute by C. H. Morgan, trustee, and M. P. Higgins, in charge of the Washburn Shops, an industry which the trustees finally decided had grown to proportions too extensive for an educational institution. This was the manufacture of hydraulic elevators in the Washburn shops of the institute. When, in 1896, the trustees decided to sell this well-established industry, Mr. Higgins, who was chiefly responsible for the creation of the business, purchased it from the trustees, incorporated under the name of the Plunger Elevator Company, with a capital of \$50,000, and Professor Alden as treasurer and a member of the board of directors, and continued the manufacture of elevators in the Greendale factory. Later, this concern was sold to the Otis Elevator Company. Professor Alden and Mr. Higgins were also the founders of the Norton Emery Wheel Company, and a large plant erected at Niagara Falls, New York, operated by electric power, which engaged in the manufacture of newly invented materials for grinding wheels. A branch of this business was also established at Chippewa, Canada, and a grinding wheel plant at Wesseling, Germany. In 1917 Professor Alden, who had served as treasurer up to that time, was elected president of the Norton Company and of the Norton Grinding Company, also general manager of the latter. In 1919 he resigned these offices and was made chairman of the board of directors.

Professor Alden's interest in educational activities did not cease with the termination of his connection with the institute. For many years he was a member of the School Committee of Worcester, and for two years was chairman. In various educational societies he has been an active and prominent member, and is at present president of the trustees of the Worcester Trade Schools, in the founding and development of which both he and Mr. Higgins were influential, and a member of the board of trustees of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Professor Alden has travelled extensively in this country and abroad. In 1889 he made an extensive visit in Europe, studying technical schools and other institutions in England and Germany and the Paris Exposition. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Worcester County Branch of the National Metal Trades Association, and of the Worcester County Employers' Association. He has been for many years a member and a deacon of a Congregational church, and at one time was superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics he has always been a Republican.

George Ira Alden married (first) Mary Elizabeth Lin-

coln, born July 18, 1853, died November, 1876, daughter of William and Maria Allen Lincoln. He married (second) Martha A. Broad, born in 1843, died in May, 1898, daughter of Lewis P. and Martha (Sawin) Broad. He married (third), May 29, 1900, Leah (Warren) Johnson, a native of Bristol, England, daughter of Francis William and Eliza B. Warren. He has one daughter, Clara Louise, who is a graduate of Wellesley College. His home is at No. 8 Massachusetts Avenue, Worcester.

HERVEY C. PIERCE, who stands at the head of the Hervey C. Pierce Company, Inc., of Millbury, Massachusetts, is counted among the progressive and enterprising men of the day in this community, and is the founder and manager of the only hardware business in Millbury. A native of Worcester County and a lifelong resident of this section, Mr. Pierce has been identified in a constructive way with the various interests of Millbury for many years, and gives to the work of his present enterprises the natural ability of the executive and the skill of the experienced craftsman. He is a son of John W. Pierce, who was born in West Millbury, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1920. The mother, H. Catherine (Hayden) Pierce, who was born in Grafton, Massachusetts, is still living.

Hervey C. Pierce was born at West Millbury, Massachusetts, July 23, 1881. Receiving his early education in the public and high schools of Millbury, he later attended the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, in the class of 1904. Following the completion of his education, Mr. Pierce was employed in the hardware business with Harry W. Thomson of Millbury, and in 1909 Mr. Pierce bought the business. Sheet metal work, plumbing and steam fitting have always been important departments of the business. He has since continued as sole proprietor, and with an advantageous location on Elm Street, he has carried forward a constantly increasing interest and is counted among the prosperous and progressive men of the day in Millbury. In 1923 this enterprise was incorporated, Mr. Pierce becoming president and treasurer. Mr. Pierce is prominent in the community as a public servant as well as in his private activities, having served on the Board of Health for a period of eight years, during one year of that time acting as chairman of the board. Fraternally he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is now a Past Grand, also is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, of which he is Past Sachem, and the American Order of Foresters. His religious affiliation is with the Federated church of Millbury.

Mr. Pierce married, in 1902, Evelyn H. Whitehead, who was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: Robert G. and Evelyn H.

HARRIS C. RUTHERFORD—As the owner and manager of the Millbury Grain Company, Harris C. Rutherford holds a prominent position in the commercial life of the town of Millbury, Massachusetts, and vicinity. Mr. Rutherford has been associated with this concern for the past twelve years in various capacities.

ities, but now, for eight years, has controlled the interest, and its growth and development during this period has marked his management as one of able and progressive administrative activities. Mr. Rutherford is a son of Arthur C. Rutherford, who was born at Ipswich, Massachusetts, and he spent his lifetime in farming until his retirement. The mother, Eunice G. (Gardner) Rutherford, was born in Leicester, Massachusetts, and is also still living.

Harris C. Rutherford was born at Temple, New Hampshire, August 29, 1882. His education was acquired in the public schools of Millbury and Oxford, Massachusetts, and as a young man he was engaged for a number of years as a teamster. In 1911 Mr. Rutherford entered his present business as manager, and was active in this capacity for about four years. In 1915 he bought a share in the business. This business was established by H. H. Ward in the early seventies. In 1880 A. S. Winter took over the business and carried it forward for a number of years, then Henry Houghton, who had been identified with the business as an employee since 1876, became the proprietor and so continued until the year 1915. At that time Harris C. Rutherford, in partnership with Fred C. Wheeler, purchased the business resuming the original name of the Millbury Grain Company, and continued it as a partnership until Mr. Wheeler's death, which occurred in 1922. Mr. Rutherford then became sole owner and has since carried it on. Mr. Rutherford is a prominent figure in the fraternal world of Millbury, holding membership in the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons, the Royal and Select Masters, and the Order of the Eastern Star, also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being Past Grand of Morning Star Lodge. He is identified with the Congregational church.

Mr. Rutherford married, in 1907, Ada I. Hobart, who was born in Millbury. Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford are the parents of one child: Eunice A., born October 15, 1911.

BURNHAM HARRISON DARLING, M. D.—In professional circles in Athol, Massachusetts, Dr. Darling holds a prominent position. With excellent training and several years of practice, he is taking a noteworthy place in this community. A native of the State of Vermont, Dr. Darling prepared for his profession in a Western college, and has been active in practice for the past six years. He is a son of Harry William and Jessie (Shorey) Darling, his father the owner of the Newport Bottling Works, at Newport, Vermont. The elder Mr. Darling died in the city of Chicago, but the mother, who was born at North Hatley, Quebec, is still living.

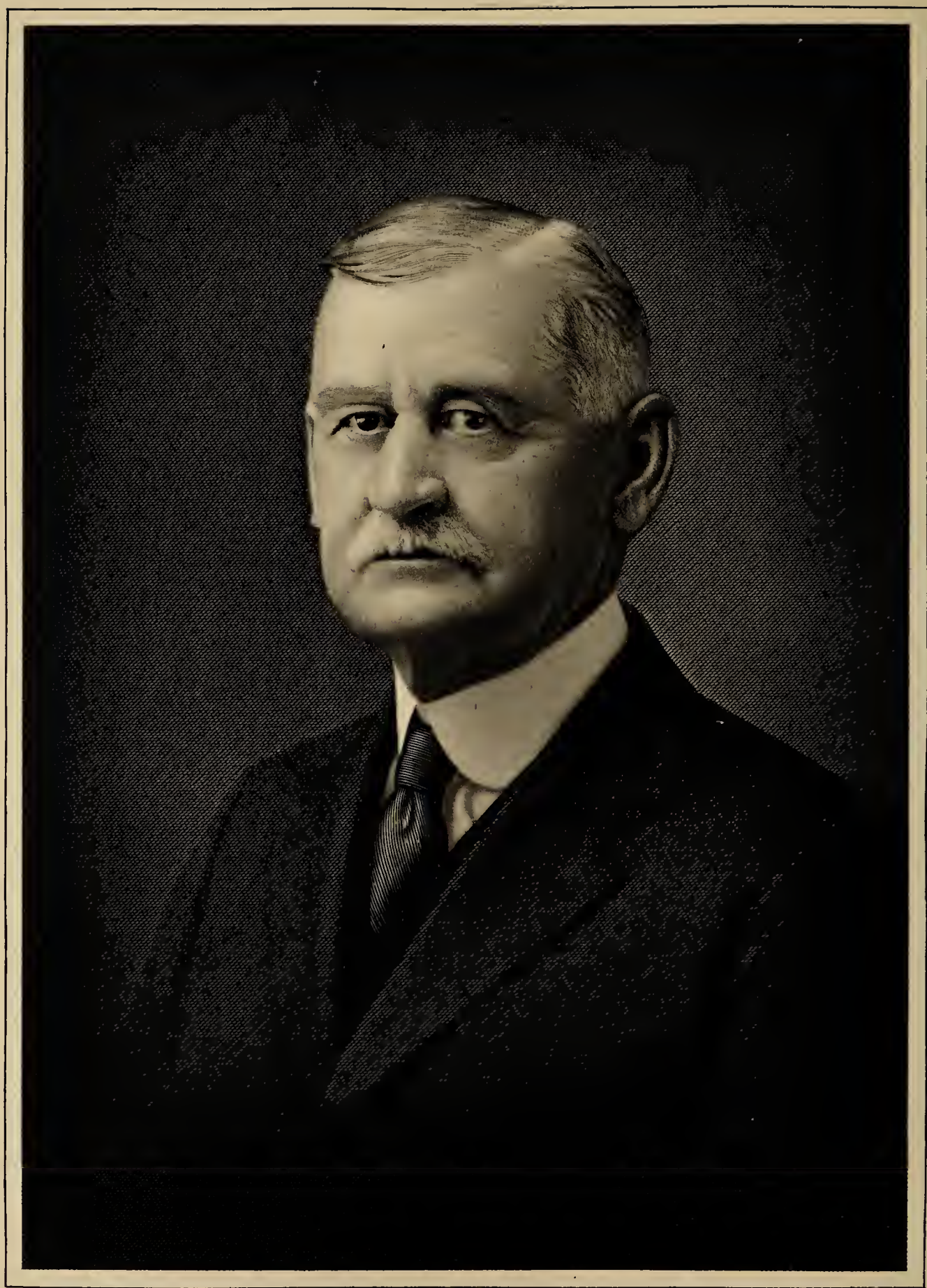
Burnham Harrison Darling was born at West Derby, Vermont, January 19, 1895. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Derby, and he was graduated from Derby Academy in the class of 1912. Thereafter he entered Des Moines College, at Des Moines, Iowa, in the medical department, from which he was graduated in the class of 1917, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Returning East, Dr. Darling began practice at North Abington, Massachusetts, then removed to Braintree, Massachusetts, and practiced for

three years in Quincy, Massachusetts. Coming to Athol, Massachusetts, on January 13, 1923, Dr. Darling took over the practice of Dr. W. S. Yates and is now carrying forward his profession as a successor of Dr. Yates, who has for many years been a leading physician of this community. Dr. Darling is winning the esteem and confidence of the people, and his future is considered very bright. He is interested in all that pertains to community advance, but gives his efforts to every forward movement, rather than to champion any political party. He was a member of the Atlas Club at college, and is now affiliated with the Poquaug Club of Athol, Massachusetts. He attends the Unitarian church.

Dr. Darling married, at Chicago, Illinois, August 29, 1914, Janet Ferguson, of Scotland, daughter of William Ferguson, a native of Perth, Scotland. Dr. and Mrs. Darling are the parents of one child, Harry William, who was born March 22, 1919.

JOHN E. EDWARDS—One of the many striking examples of personal achievement which the records of the State of Massachusetts bear is that of John E. Edwards, who came to this country as a youth of seventeen years, and without friends or influence has won his way to a position of dignity and responsibility. Mr. Edwards is a son of John E. and Amanda (Lindmark) Edwards, both natives of Sweden.

John E. Edwards was born in Sweden, in the northern part of that country, July 17, 1873. His family in humble circumstances, Mr. Edwards found life open before him as a responsibility when he was still only a young lad. At the age of seventeen years he came to the United States and handicapped by a limited education in his native land, as well as by his lack of familiarity of the language and customs of this country, he began, as it might be expressed, on a dead level. He has risen by the hardest effort. From the first he appreciated the value of education and gave every possible moment to study. His first position was as clerk in a grocery store in Brooklyn, New York, and with the labor conditions in the nineties and the constant stream of immigration then flooding the country, he was obliged to make many changes. He was active for a time in the vulcanizing business, then for a number of years was engaged in building and contracting, after which he went West, securing a position in Nebraska with the International Publishing Company, in their circulation department. Remaining but a short time, however, Mr. Edwards returned to Brooklyn and was active for a period with a concern which manufactured chemicals, and of which he eventually became manager. He later went into this business in an independent way on a small scale, and in all spent ten years in chemical production. An opportunity to return to carpenter work seemed promising, and for two years he was active in this connection, then was variously engaged until 1918, when he filled the office of cashier of the Norwegian Hospital, of Brooklyn, New York. In 1920 he was chosen as secretary and treasurer of the Massachusetts Conference and Conferences Association and has since been active in the work of this body, with headquarters at Lancaster, Massachusetts. The progress of this body has already felt the impetus of his practical energy and his



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long experience in general commercial and constructive activities. Mr. Edwards has belonged to the Advent church for the past twenty-eight years, and his present position in the promotion of this faith is a field in which his breadth of usefulness will undoubtedly be of great significance.

Mr. Edwards married Valborg Muderspach, July 18, 1908, at Brooklyn, New York, and they are the parents of two children: John Ernest, born March 20, 1909; and Louis Eugene, born July 5, 1912, died January 31, 1920.

FRANKLIN PIERCE MUNN—In the life work of Mr. Munn, of South Lancaster, Massachusetts, the discriminating student of human nature may trace lofty ideals and an undeviating purpose to follow them to the end. Taking life as he found it in his own boyhood, facing conditions courageously, and overcoming obstacles with the energy which achieves, yet the modesty which asks no laudation, Mr. Munn lived out his years in useful activity, giving to those dependent upon him better opportunities than he himself had enjoyed, and giving to the world the honest, consistent effort which counts for universal and permanent well-being. Mr. Munn was a son of Ralph and Mary Harriman (Martin) Munn, his father born on the farm and active in agricultural pursuits throughout his lifetime.

Franklin Pierce Munn was born in Corinth, Vermont, April 24, 1855, and died in the New England Sanitarium at Melrose, Massachusetts, on April 4, 1918. As a young lad he received only the most limited education, attending the district schools for a few weeks each winter, but otherwise finding no opportunity to store his mind with the knowledge to be found in books. He lived on the old Munn homestead at Corinth, where he was born, assisting his father in his youth, and later taking over the entire responsibility of the place. He carried on this farm until the year 1900, when he removed to South Lancaster, Massachusetts, in order that his children might have better educational advantages and gain more of a start in life. Mr. Munn became one of the highly respected men of the community, bearing a constructive part in all that pertained to its advance and identifying himself particularly with religious progress. Mr. Munn was a member of the Baptist church until the year 1885, when he identified himself with the Seventh Day Advent church. He was an active factor in the growth of this denomination in Northern Worcester County, and his family united with him in his loyalty to it. In this and in many branches of Christian effort he gave his best to the advancement of any cause of worthy import.

Mr. Munn married (first), at Vershire, Orange County, Vermont, on January 22, 1879, Abbie E. Underwood, daughter of Nicholas and Maria C. (House) Underwood. Four children blessed this union: Charles Ralph, born November 23, 1879; Frank William, born April 19, 1882; Mark Rufus, born May 5, 1884, died in infancy; and Mary Maria, born June 17, 1886, who became the wife of W. H. Hersey. Abbie E. (Underwood) Munn died, and Mr. Munn married (second) Etta Sophia Smith. They are the parents of three children: Bessie Roxana, born June 5, 1892, now the wife of H. S. Liese; Clinton Smith, born August 25, 1893;

and Lena Julia, born October 12, 1896, now the wife of D. E. Smith.

THOMAS E. CODY—Thrown upon his own resources while still a lad, Mr. Cody has won his way to a position of prominence among the manufacturers of Worcester County, Massachusetts, and ranks with the successful, influential men of his community. Mr. Cody is now president and treasurer of the L. B. Ramsdell Company of Gardner, Massachusetts, manufacturers of children's and dolls' go-carts, carriages, and children's chairs. His parents died before he was nine years old, and he was taken into the home of one of their friends, David Bickford, of Gardner and with the Bickfords he lived until reaching the age of sixteen years. He then secured employment in the plant of which he is now the head, and his history for the past fifty years is the history of that factory and its output.

Thomas E. Cody was born at Ashburnham, Massachusetts, July 12, 1855, but from the date of his orphanhood Gardner, Massachusetts, has been his home. He attended grammar and high school until sixteen years of age, working during holiday seasons and throughout his summer vacations, filling in all the time in some remunerative employment. At that time he became a regular employee of the business which is now known as the L. B. Ramsdell Company, but then owned by Levi Warren, who later admitted John Lovell as a partner, Mr. Lovell finally buying Mr. Warren's entire interest. During the panic of 1873 Mr. Lovell was obliged to suspend and the plant passed under the ownership of the firm of Ramsdell & Goodall. Three years later Mr. Goodall gave his interest to Mr. Ramsdell, who conducted it under the name of L. B. Ramsdell for twenty-five years. In 1904 the business was reorganized and incorporated as the L. B. Ramsdell Company. During all these years and changes Mr. Cody had continued to take an active interest, and when the company was incorporated in 1904 he was admitted to an interest and made treasurer and business manager. In 1916 Mr. Cody became president and still serves in that capacity. He has now worked at the same plant for more than fifty years, and its development has been remarkable. This company were pioneers in the use of fibre in the manufacture of baby carriages and chairs, having begun the use of the material many years before it was adopted by practically all of their competitors. When Mr. Cody became identified with the business less than one dozen people were employed, while at present two hundred and fifty names appear on the payroll of the plant ten times the size of the one in which Mr. Cody first worked, and the L. B. Ramsdell Company is counted one of the really important industries of Gardner. Mr. Cody is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce and of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Gardner. He has also served for six years as a member of the Board of Selectmen of Gardner during the town administration, and is a member of several clubs.

Mr. Cody married, in 1882, Fannie Lippitt, of Peterham, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of three children, two of whom are living: Paul L., a director and the assistant treasurer of the L. B. Ramsdell Company; and Ruth A., residing at home.

HARVEY ORVILLE WINCH—Thoroughly representative of the progressive spirit in modern agriculture and husbandry, Mr. Winch holds a position of dignity and prominence in Templeton, Massachusetts, and is one of the really successful men of the day in this community. Coming of a very old Massachusetts family, he is a son of James Orville Winch, who was born at Templeton, Massachusetts, and was engaged in the manufacture of shoes when this work was principally done by hand, the introduction of shoe machinery having taken place during his lifetime. He conducted a small shop and all the prominent people from Athol, Gardner, and other towns of Northern Worcester County came to him to have their boots and shoes made. He was a man of progressive spirit and was prominent in the community affairs of his day. He died in 1912. The mother, Amanda Phelps, was born in Lunenburg, Essex County, Vermont, and is now living in Templeton.

Harvey Orville Winch was born at Templeton, Massachusetts, December 6, 1879. His education was begun in the public schools and following a preparatory course in Templeton High School he attended Dummer Academy, at South Byfield, graduating with the class of 1899. Thereafter for two years Mr. Winch was active as an instructor in the manual training room of the Massachusetts School for Feeble Minded, then for about two years he was in charge of the farm at Dummer Academy. He then leased this farm which he conducted on his own responsibility for about eight years, after which he returned to Templeton and bought a farm, upon which stands the oldest house in the town of Templeton. This farm he has owned for something over ten years and conducted it along dairying lines, later starting a wholesale milk business in Gardner. About five years ago he bought a second farm in Templeton and has recently removed to this place, which comprises sixty-five acres of land. This he is conducting as a poultry plant and having gained a splendid start his success is assured, for he has back of his present activity long experience in every line of farming interest, including poultry. Mr. Winch has supported the Republican party in political affairs since attaining his majority, and for six years served the town of Templeton as Selectman. During the World War he acted as chairman of the Public Safety Commission and as trustee of the Templeton Village Improvement Society. Fraternally he is a member of St. John's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Rowley, Massachusetts, and his religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Mr. Winch married, at West Newbury, Massachusetts, September 8, 1904, Dora Goodrich, who was born at West Newbury, Massachusetts, and is a daughter of Grandville S. and Lydia B. (Goodwin) Goodrich, both natives of West Newbury. Mr. and Mrs. Winch are the parents of two children: Ruth Goodrich, born February 16, 1906, a graduate of Gardner High School; and Harvey Orville, Jr., born October 19, 1908, a junior in Templeton High School.

GEORGE W. TULLY, M. D.—In professional circles in Southbridge, Massachusetts, Dr. Tully holds a prominent position and with excellent preparation, his

practical institutional training and his wartime experience, he is equipped for large professional responsibilities. He has been practicing in Southbridge for the past ten years and has won an enviable position in the field of his choice. Dr. Tully is a son of John Tully, who was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, and is engaged in optical work in this town. The mother, Katherine (Lafford) Tully, was born at Tipperary, Ireland, and died in the year 1922.

George W. Tully was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, October 8, 1888. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following the completion of the high school course he entered Tufts' Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1912 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For one year thereafter Dr. Tully was active as an interne at St. Vincent's Hospital at Worcester, Massachusetts, then in the year 1913 he located at Southbridge and entered upon the practice of his profession. With offices at No. 100 Main Street, he has gone forward to marked success and is counted among the really noteworthy physicians of Southern Worcester County. During the World War Dr. Tully enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army and served with the rank of first lieutenant from July, 1917, to May 1919, spending one year in France with the American Expeditionary Forces. Upon receiving his honorable discharge from the service, Dr. Tully returned to civilian life and resumed practice in Southbridge. He is prominent fraternally, holding membership in the Knights of Columbus, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He takes a deep interest in civic advance but has never thus far accepted public responsibilities, although he was at one time a member of the Library Committee. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Dr. Tully married, in 1919, Harriet Delehanty, who was born in New York City, and they have two children: Kathleen M. and George T.

CHARLES E. MURDOCK—With wide experience in the graphic arts, Mr. Murdock has for the past ten years been active in Gardner, Massachusetts, as the vice-president of the Meals Printing Company, one of the leading job printing establishments in Northern Worcester County. His work in this connection is bearing directly upon the commercial and industrial prosperity of Gardner and vicinity, and he is counted among the really progressive men of the day in this section. Mr. Murdock is a son of Solomon and Mary Ann (Roselle) Murdock. Solomon Murdock was born in the State of New Hampshire, but later moved to Saratoga County, New York, then to Fort Edward, New York, where he was active in mercantile pursuits, and later moved to South Glens Falls. Subsequently he was engaged in the quarry business at South Glens Falls, New York, and continued in this field of endeavor in that town until his retirement in 1888. His death occurred in 1892, at the age of eighty-nine years. The mother was born in Saratoga, New York, they were married at Fort Edward, and she lived to the age of eighty-seven years.

Charles E. Murdock was born at Moreau, Saratoga

County, New York, February 12, 1861. His education was acquired in the public schools of Fort Edward and Troy, New York, Business College. While he was still a small boy attending school, Mr. Murdock worked after school hours and on Saturdays in a printing office at Fort Edward. Greatly interested in the business he gained a very clear idea of the art of printing in that way and continued along this line after the family removed to Glens Falls. Thus he grew up with the sound of the printing press, and while still a young man was master of the art in all its details, and became foreman at the plant of the Glens Falls "Times," and later superintendent and manager of that paper. This position Mr. Murdock filled until 1890, when he resigned to come to Gardner, where he accepted the position as foreman of the Gardner "Journal." He was active in this connection for seventeen years but finally resigned to take a similar position on the Gardner "Press," then a year later went to Claremont, New Hampshire, to become general manager of the Claremont "Eagle." This position he ably filled until the plant was sold, and for a year and a half thereafter, then in 1912 he returned to Gardner and bought an interest in the Meals Printing Company. He was made vice-president and general manager of the business, which was then in its infancy, and largely through his efforts during the intervening decade the business has been built up into one of the most important job printing concerns in this county. It was during Mr. Murdock's management that the present fine home of the company was erected. Mr. Murdock is considered one of the progressive and enterprising men of the day and the standard of excellence which is upheld in all the work put out by this concern keeps it in the forefront of progress. He is personally active in many branches of civic and welfare endeavor, and is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is a member of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; and Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Aletheia Grotto, of Worcester, Massachusetts. His religious affiliation is with the First Congregational Church of Gardner.

Mr. Murdock married, in 1886, Marion E. Keyes, of Glens Falls, New York.

BERNARD W. DOYLE, as president, treasurer, and general manager of The Viscoloid Company, of Leominster, Massachusetts, is a leading executive of an industry which holds foremost rank in its field in the world. In a period of twenty-two years this concern has developed from an unpretentious beginning with efforts scattered among four small buildings to their present plant, which comprises some sixty-two buildings, covering forty odd acres of ground and furnishing employment to approximately 1,600 men and women.

The Viscoloid Company was founded in the year 1901 for the purpose of manufacturing a product known as viscoloid sheeting, which comprises a pyroxylin plastic material utilized in the comb industry and many other articles. The channel into which the product was turned naturally suggested the production of the same article by the Viscoloid interests. Thus in 1902 the personnel

of the company organized the Sterling Comb Company. Under this title they manufactured dressing combs of fine quality, also hair ornaments of many kinds from the viscoloid sheeting. Two years following the erection of the plant of the Sterling Comb Company it was burned to the ground, but within four months after the catastrophe it was rebuilt and in active operation. In 1906 the Harvard Company was formed by the same officers and was carried forward under the same management, taking up the manufacture of mounted combs, brushes, mirrors, toilet articles, and novelties of the highest quality. They branched out in the production of other novelties in great variety, and their success paralleled that of the earlier organizations. The men who organized and developed these interests were: Alexander S. Paton, president; Ludwig Stross, vice-president; and Bernard W. Doyle, secretary, treasurer, and general manager. Mr. Paton was the head of the Paton Manufacturing Company, which was founded in the year 1879 and was incorporated in 1897 with Mr. Paton as president and Bernard W. Doyle as secretary and treasurer. This interest was a leading one in the manufacture of the finest hairpins of horn and hoof, and later of celluloid.

These practical men, appreciating the value of specialization and concentration determined to join forces in a common organization. Thus in 1912 The Viscoloid Company, the Sterling Comb Company, the Harvard Company, and the Paton Manufacturing Company united in a great merger and have since gone forward under the title of The Viscoloid Company, the officers at that time being: Alexander S. Paton, president; Ludwig Stross, vice-president; Bernard W. Doyle, treasurer and general manager; and Daniel J. Reagan, secretary. The energy formerly scattered among the four plants is now concentrated in the one, and has brought that one plant to a level of the highest efficiency, and the concern has enjoyed very rapid growth. With its present great plant and equipment of the most modern type, complete down to the minutest detail, this company has achieved a leading position in their field in the world. They have added to their original product (viscoloid sheeting) many articles made from this product, including dressing combs, brushes, mirrors, dolls, toys, and novelties of every description, as well as hairpins, hair ornaments, and toilet articles. In 1923 Mr. Paton retired, Mr. Doyle becoming president and general manager. The growth of their business continues unceasingly, and the present great plant is an enduring monument to the vision of the men who brought into being The Viscoloid Company.

CHARLES L. FAIRBANKS—The experience gained in association with some five or six different lines of business activity, including the representation of ten different fire insurance companies, together with extensive service as a local public official, has made of Charles L. Fairbanks an "all-round" man of affairs. He is now managing an extensive express business of his own, and also serving as the efficient Town Clerk of Southboro, Massachusetts, an office which he has filled at different times for a period of eleven years.

Born in Southboro, Massachusetts, December 7, 1861,

Charles L. Fairbanks is a son of Joseph and Betsey (Thompson) Fairbanks. After completing his course in the public schools of his native city, including the high school, he finished his preparation for an active career by taking a business course in Bryant & Stratton's Business School in Boston. When his commercial course was completed, he found his first employment in a music engraving establishment on Winter Street, in Boston, where he remained for about four years. At the end of that time he returned to Southboro, and engaged in the retail milk business, in which he was successfully engaged until 1889. In that year he decided to make a change in his line of business activity and to make use of the training he had acquired in the business college. He went to Boston and secured a position in which he had full charge of the correspondence of a business firm there, and for four years he acquired valuable experience in that connection. He then removed to New York City, where, as stenographer, he further enlarged his experience for about twelve months. Returning to his native city he became associated with Henry E. McMaster, proprietor of a general store in Southboro, whom he served as a clerk for a period of three years. By this time his wide and varied experience had well fitted him to undertake a business enterprise of his own, and he chose the express business. His venture has been successful, and from the time of its establishment in 1896 to the present (1923) he has been steadily building up a most successful business concern. Promptness and courtesy in service, reliable business methods, and a "square deal," have brought to him a constantly increasing volume of patronage, and his enterprise at the present time is among the well-established business concerns of the county. Along with his responsibilities as head of a growing business, Mr. Fairbanks has devoted considerable time to the duties of local public office. Mr. Fairbanks is a Republican, and in 1889 he was elected Town Clerk of Southboro, and from that year to 1906 he served consecutively in that office. In 1919 he was again elected to fill that same office, and from that time until the present (1923) he has been continuously reelected, having served in all eleven years in that office at the present time. He also served as Collector of Taxes from 1915 to 1922, and as Postmaster from 1905 to 1914. His varied business career, as already related, has made him acquainted with several different lines of business activity, and it should also be stated that he has at different times during his career represented ten different fire insurance companies. His contact with so many different lines of business activity has given him a wide acquaintance, both personal and general, and is especially useful to him in meeting the demands and solving the problems of his own business enterprise. Mr. Fairbanks is also at the present time (1923) completing his twelfth year as chairman of the board of trustees of the Southboro Library.

Charles L. Fairbanks married, in Southboro, July 1, 1889, Marie Elizabeth Herminie Bouthillet, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, and they are the parents of two children: Gladys H., born in 1892, who married Edward C. Nichols, son of De Clinton Nichols (see following sketch); and Marjorie M., who was born in 1899, married, January 15, 1923, Dr. Hugh J. McDonald, a dentist of Boston.

DeCLINTON NICHOLS—Few men are better known in the vicinity of Southboro, Massachusetts, than is De Clinton Nichols, who has been engaged in the coal business in Southboro for the past fifteen years, and who for the past twenty-eight years has rendered efficient service as a local public official.

Born in Southboro, Massachusetts, August 13, 1846, son of Oren and Mary A. (Woodbury) Nichols, Mr. Nichols received a good practical education in the public schools of Southboro, and upon the completion of his high school course found his first employment as a clerk in a grocery store at Fayville, Massachusetts. He then decided to devote his energies to agricultural pursuits, and for a period of twenty years he was engaged in tilling the soil. At the end of that time, however, he resolved again to make a change in his method of gaining a livelihood. In 1909 he engaged in the coal business in Southboro, and during that time he has been continuously and successfully engaged in that field of business activity. His business has steadily grown and is still expanding, but even his notably successful conduct of the business has not prevented his giving time and attention to local public affairs.

As a Republican he has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen of Southboro for one term of three years; as Collector of Taxes for eighteen years, and as Assessor for the town of Southboro for twenty-eight consecutive years. In January, 1892, he took his seat in the Massachusetts State Legislature, serving on the Committee on Public Reservations. He has won the confidence of his fellow-townsmen in a high degree, and from year to year they insist upon his continuing to fill the office which he has held for so many years. Perhaps no other single individual in the town is so intimately acquainted with the actual and assessable values of the various properties of that community as is Mr. Nichols. Both as a business man and as a public official he has demonstrated not only his ability, but his integrity and his faithfulness as well. No better indication of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-townsmen could be required than the fact that for twenty-eight consecutive years they have continued to reelect him to fill an important town office.

De Clinton Nichols married, at Lowell, Massachusetts, Isabella M. Simpson, daughter of A. E. Simpson, of Lowell, Massachusetts. Mrs. Nichols died January 3, 1923, leaving three children: 1. Grace, born June 9, 1879, at Southboro. 2. Charlotte, who died aged three years. 3. Edward C., born June 21, 1889, received his education in the public schools, and after the completion of his high school course, became associated with his father in the coal business, with which he has been connected since 1914. He married Gladys H. Fairbanks, daughter of Charles L. and Marie Elizabeth Herminie (Bouthillet) Fairbanks, of Southboro, (see preceding sketch), and they are the parents of two children: Edwin, who was born May 16, 1913; and De Clinton (2), who was born July 11, 1914.

CHARLES F. NIXON—The career of Charles F. Nixon, Leominster's veteran druggist, is of outstanding interest, and from it lessons of value as well as of interest may be taken. Forced by the ill health of his soldier father to depend upon himself at an early age,



Charles F. Nixon

he is a "self-made" man in the best sense of that term. He is now, in point of years, the oldest druggist in Leominster, the third merchant in point of years in actual business, and he is now located in the store in which he began his association with the drug business nearly half a century ago. From the height of success he may review his career as business and professional man, as instructor, and as a citizen with the satisfaction that comes from duty well performed and responsibilities fairly met. As a pharmacist, he has gained the highest approval of his contemporaries of the profession. To his city he has given honorable service in different departments, and he has gained the esteem of his community to a degree that attests the high appreciation in which he is held.

Nahum Nixon, father of Charles F. Nixon, was born in Sudbury, Massachusetts and spent his life as a farmer, dying in 1905. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving as private in Company F, 25th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and was wounded in the battle of Bermuda Hundred. He was a member of Charles H. Stevens Post, No. 53, Grand Army of the Republic. He married Sabrina W. Hinds, born at Athol, Massachusetts, who survived him, her death occurring in 1921.

Charles F. Nixon, son of Nahum and Sabrina W. (Hinds) Nixon, was born at Sterling, Massachusetts, August 16, 1857, but early in his life Leominster became the family home. He completed the courses of the Leominster public school, finishing with high school graduation, and was variously employed all through his youth until the year 1879, when he first engaged in the drug business. That was forty-four years ago (1879-1923), and he has been continuously in that line of business and profession, in the same town and in the same store, the latter, of course, greatly changed and enlarged. He did not adopt pharmacy professionally until three years later, when he entered the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, but all through his course in that institution he continued his drug business in Leominster. He was graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1884, receiving his degree of Graduate in Pharmacy. In 1895 and for twelve years thereafter he taught in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and in the drug store personally aided more than twenty men to obtain educational knowledge of drugs and the drug business. He served for six and one-half years as member, and for two years as president, of the Pharmacists' State Board of Registration in Pharmacy. He is a member and was president one term of the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association, and gave valuable aid as a member of the United States Pharmacopœia Revision Committee. He is a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, the National Association of Retail Druggists, and the Boston Druggists' Association, of which he is an ex-president. In outside business association he is a director of the Merchants' National Bank of Leominster.

In politics Mr. Nixon is a Republican, and for six years he served as a member of the School Board, and was its chairman for four years; has been a member of the local Board of Health since 1914; is now trustee and

was president for eight years of the Leominster Hospital Association; and since 1907 has acted as city bacteriologist. He attends the Congregational church and is a member of the Masonic order, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Leominster Club.

Mr. Nixon married, on May 8, 1890, Annie I. Wheelock, born in Leominster, daughter of George H. and Christiana B. Wheelock, and they are the parents of a son, George F., born March 5, 1893. George F. Nixon is a graduate of the Leominster High School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving his B. S. degree in 1915, and his M. S. degree with the class of 1916. During the war between the United States and Germany, 1917-18, he enlisted in the Aviation Corps of the United States Army, was assigned to the 482d Aero Construction Squadron, and was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France for one year, ranking as sergeant of the first class. He married, May 26, 1923, Ruth Harrington, of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

HUGH LUDWIG SIMMONS, M. D.—A noteworthy figure in medical advance in Worcester County, Massachusetts, is Dr. Hugh Ludwig Simmons, whose practice has developed extensively in the period of upwards of five years, during which time he has been active in the city of Worcester. Trained in New England institutions and a veteran of the World War, his preparations for a career have followed the most modern lines, and he is looked upon as one of the progressive and successful professional men of the day in the city of Worcester. He is a son of Nahum Ludwig and Annie (Brown) Simmons, his father, who died in 1909, active as a farmer and blacksmith throughout his lifetime.

Hugh Ludwig Simmons was born at Morrill, Maine, October 31, 1893. He received his early education in the local public schools, and was prepared for college at the Pembroke High School and Higgins Classical Institute at Charleston, Penobscot County, Maine, from which latter he was graduated in the class of 1912. Thereafter entering Tuft's Medical School, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1916, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His first experience was at the Worcester City Hospital as interne, and after the usual period in that connection Dr. Simmons purposed entering practice in this city. His plans were postponed, however, by his enlistment in the United States Army Medical Corps, on September 7, 1917. Commissioned first lieutenant, he was stationed at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, where he remained until his discharge, which was received on January 18, 1919. Returning at once to the city of Worcester, Dr. Simmons entered upon the general practice of medicine here, but the trend of his activity has been along the line of obstetrics and gynecology, and he has now for some time been active in these specialties on the staff of the Worcester City Hospital as assistant obstetrician and is gynecologist in the out-patient department. He has achieved high rank in his chosen line of effort, and the future will undoubtedly carry him to wider usefulness. Dr. Simmons has few interests outside of his profession, but is a member of the Quinsigamond Boat Club,

and finds his leisure interests in out-of-door activities. He supports the Republican party in political affairs, and his religious affiliation is with the Baptist church.

ALFRED BERNARD CENEDELLA, in the younger group of professional men in Worcester County, Massachusetts, holds a prominent position as a successful attorney-at-law, and in the thirteen years and more in which he has carried forward his professional activities Mr. Cenedella has taken a very active and constructive part in the community progress of his native town of Milford. A leader also in fraternal circles, his breadth of interest gives him large influence in every avenue of advance in local and nearby progress. Mr. Cenedella is a son of Giacomo and Maria (Simone) Cenedella, who have for many years been residents of Milford, and have borne a leading part in many lines of local endeavor.

Alfred Bernard Cenedella was born in Milford, Massachusetts, September 30, 1888. Following his early school attendance, he covered the usual course at the Milford High School, from which he was graduated in 1906, after which he entered Boston University School of Law, receiving his degree upon his graduation with the class of 1909. He was admitted to the bar of his native State on March 1, 1910, and immediately took up his practice in the town of Milford. On March 4, 1913, he was admitted to the District Court of the United States. Progressive in spirit and always looking toward advance in every line of effort in which he participates, Mr. Cenedella is considered a thoroughly representative young man of the day, and is esteemed by all who know him. More than ten years ago he was brought forward in the public service of the town of Milford as a member of the School Committee, the duties of which position he took up on March 19, 1913, and he still serves in this capacity. In March, 1921, he was elected Town Solicitor of Milford and served in this capacity for two years. A staunch Republican by political faith and always a worker in the ranks of the party, Mr. Cenedella was made a member of the Republican Town Committee a few years ago, and during the years 1922 and 1923 acted as chairman of that committee, still serving in that capacity. Fraternally he is a member of Milford Lodge, No. 628, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Foresters of America; the Knights of Columbus; the Loyal Order of Moose; the Italian Labor Society; and the Plains Athletic Club. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Cenedella married, at Milford, Massachusetts, on November 27, 1916, Florence Trudell, daughter of Francis X. and Bridget Trudell. Mr. and Mrs. Cenedella are the parents of two children: Alfred B., Jr., born December 23, 1917; and Florence, born October 29, 1919.

FRANK W. BANISTER—Formerly occupying the office of United States Postmaster at Readsboro, Vermont, and now a member of the firm of William A. Putnam & Company, of Leominster, Massachusetts, Mr. Banister was born at Northampton, Massachusetts, November 8, 1872, son of Edwin and Angie (Warner) Banister. Mr. Banister's father was a New England lumber dealer.

Mr. Banister received his education in the public schools of Massachusetts, and is a graduate of the Northampton High School. After leaving school he entered the field of business in partnership with his brother, as the owner and proprietor of a stationery store at Northampton. When he had, to a certain extent, outgrown this venture, Mr. Banister moved to Vermont and established himself as an independent insurance broker at Readsboro. During the years 1908 to 1911, inclusive, he was in the Federal service as Postmaster at Readsboro. Some time later he decided to return to his native State, and opened an office for the sale of insurance at North Attleboro, Massachusetts. Here his success was very substantial, and he established something of a record in the insurance business. In 1917 he was offered a partnership in the firm of William A. Putnam & Company of Leominster, and as this connection was in the line of progress, he decided to accept it and thus, in 1917, he became a resident of Leominster. The firm of which Mr. Banister is now a member is composed of insurance experts of the highest type and character, who by reason of long training and experience in the New England field are widely known as authorities on all branches of the insurance business, including maritime risks and the business of export and import. Mr. Banister's value to the firm consists not only in his accurate and detailed knowledge of many New England communities, together with the social and economic conditions that prevail in them, but is also derived from his comprehensive knowledge of insurance law and theory. His clients are not to be found in Massachusetts alone; many transactions are annually arranged by him for residents of other New England States, and when he entered his present firm he brought a very substantial volume of business with him.

A sportsman of the keenest type, Mr. Banister is an ardent disciple of Izaak Walton and never misses an opportunity to enjoy a good day's fishing. He knows all the lakes and fishing streams between Leominster and the Canadian border and he has made many excursions to different parts of the United States and Canada in pursuit of his favorite sport. A lover of the great outdoors, Mr. Banister is, by all accounts, one of the leaders of the fishing fraternity of Worcester County. Aside from fishing, which is his hobby, he takes an interest in outdoor sports in general and is an active member of the Leominster Country Club and of the Monoosnock Country Club. He is a familiar figure at all of the local meets and carnivals, and is an advocate of school athletics and public recreational facilities. In addition to the country clubs, at which he is a regular attendant, Mr. Banister holds membership in the Leominster Club and the Fay Club of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

A thirty-second degree member of the Masonic order, Mr. Banister belongs to the chapter, council, commandery, and the Massachusetts Consistory of that order, and is also a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Grotto. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being enrolled in the Leominster lodge of that order.

HERBERT D. BURNHAM, for more than thirty-five years identified with the progress of the Central Oil

& Gas Stove Company and one of the dominant factors of the business, is now vice-president and traffic manager. Mr. Burnham is a son of Oren E. and Ellen L. (Parker) Burnham, both natives of Johnson, Vermont. The father was a molder by trade, and much of his life was spent in working at this trade at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Herbert D. Burnham was born at Johnson, Vermont, September 1, 1859. He received his education in the public schools and as he has been heard to remark, "the school of hard knocks." His parents were in humble circumstances, and in his thirteenth year he secured work in the world of industry. From this time he provided for his own needs, working for a time on a farm and in a small country store and post office. He was ambitious, however, and as a means of rising in the world he learned telegraphy, which he followed for ten years, during which time he was connected with railroad work as station agent and operator, the greater part of the time at Winchendon, Massachusetts. When Mr. Burnham became a regular employee of what is now the Central Oil & Gas Stove Company the business was in its infancy and was known as the American Oil Stove Company, a small concern, William H. Wilder, the founder of the business, looking after the factory, while for a few years Mr. Burnham comprised the entire office force. He is now the oldest employee of the concern in point of length of service, and his activities have had much to do with bringing it from obscurity to its present state of eminence and to raising its capacity to its present enormous output. He was made vice-president of the company about 1903, and for the past ten years has also filled the important position of traffic manager. Mr. Burnham is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, in which he serves as chairman of the traffic committee.

Fraternally he is identified with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander; Worcester Lodge of Perfection; and Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem, of Worcester; also Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix of Worcester. He is a member of the Gardner Boat Club, the Oak Hill Country Club of Fitchburg, the Boston and New England Traffic Golf clubs, and the National Freight Traffic Golf Association. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Gardner, which he has served as deacon for many years.

Mr. Burnham married Etta M. Cook, of Colchester, Vermont, in the year 1883, and they now reside at No. 88 Woodland Avenue, Gardner.

IRVING E. GRAY, the founder and proprietor of the Gray Garage, at Ashburnham, Massachusetts, which is widely known among tourists and travelers for the excellence of its service, is a prominent member of the business community of the county. He was born at Spencer, Massachusetts, April 29, 1873, son of William E. and Olive (Sylvester) Gray. His father is a business man of unusual achievements and enjoys a wide reputation for his energy and ability.

Mr. Gray received his education in the public schools of Worcester, whither his family had moved before he

became of school age. He was ambitious and eager to make his own way in the world and accordingly began his business career immediately after his graduation from school by accepting a position with the American Steel and Wire Company of Worcester. He found his work for this company extremely interesting, and spent two years as an employe of the firm, acquiring meanwhile, an excellent knowledge of business methods and management. At the end of this period, however, he was offered a position by his uncle, who was a builder and contractor at Orange, Massachusetts. The idea of building and contracting made a strong appeal to his constructive energies, and he decided to accept the offer, believing that the experience would prove valuable, even if the work did not prove suitable as a life occupation for him. He left the American Steel and Wire Company therefore, and went to Orange. His connection with his uncle was pleasant and profitable, and he remained with him for a period of six years. But during the course of his association with the building and contracting business, his attention was drawn to the possibilities offered by the lumber trade. He decided to invest his capital, which had been greatly increased during his connection with his uncle's firm, in the lumbering industry. He had already acquired a thorough knowledge of the needs of builders and carpenters for lumber of high quality and smooth and durable finish, and he was able to apply his knowledge in such a way that his enterprise was successful from the very beginning. He maintained his connection with this branch of business for ten years, and his success more than justified his faith in it as a means of building up a substantial prosperity. But he was now desirous of making a change and after careful consideration decided to return to Worcester and to establish a high-class laundry, where the same care would be exercised in the laundering of clothes and household linens as was used by private housekeepers and laundresses. This venture was successful, and Mr. Gray's establishment filled an important place in the business world, providing a much needed opportunity for the ladies of the town who wished their linen carefully handled and laundered, and yet desired to be relieved of the necessity of personally supervising their washing. Mr. Gray spent the next fifteen years at Worcester, and built up a substantial business there. He received an offer for his interest in the business at the end of this period, however, and decided to accept it. His next venture was at Holden, Massachusetts, where he purchased a grocery store and devoted himself to supplying the needs of the townspeople. He made a point of dealing only in the best known and most satisfactory brands, and the high quality of his goods and the care and promptitude with which he filled orders, no less than the moderation and fairness of his prices, soon won him a host of customers who had the utmost confidence in his establishment and gave it their regular patronage. But Mr. Gray was not satisfied to remain in the grocery field, and presently began to consider the possibilities of success in the garage business. The great increase in automobile travel and the rapidly growing number of tourists who visit Worcester County every year had brought with them a similarly great need for high-class garage accommodations and service stations where motorists

might have their wants supplied quickly and reasonably. Understanding this need and finding his interest attracted by this new field, Mr. Gray, after having spent three years at Holden, disposed of his store there to good advantage and moved to Ashburnham, where he has since made his home. He purchased a fine commercial property in one of the most central parts of the town, and after tearing down the old buildings which stood upon the land constructed the new and splendid garage which now bears his name. The building is of the best and most approved type of garage construction and was built at a cost of \$10,000, embodying every advance and improvement devised by architects and constituting one of the finest business establishments in the town. He has an extensive business and makes a specialty of high-class service, expert repairing, and carries a full stock of spare parts and accessories for the convenience of his patrons, as well as maintaining a fleet of motors for rental. Tourists and local residents alike find his establishment an ideal place at which to have their motoring needs supplied, and he has many friends, not only among the people of the county but also among the travelers who visit the town each year, coming from all parts of the country. His success is the result of energy and imaginative enterprise, and he is generally regarded as one of the most progressive and able men of affairs in the community.

Mr. Gray has found but little time in the course of his long and active career for participation in the undertakings of fraternal and social organizations. He holds membership in only one such body, the Improved Order of Red Men, in which he belongs to Asseunskit Lodge, at Holden.

Mr. Gray married, at Worcester, on September 1, 1897, Cora B. Lever, daughter of Edwin J. and Addie (Walker) Lever. Mrs. Gray was born at Worcester, where she lived until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have one son, Harold E., who is interested in business with his father. He was born August 23, 1899, and married Hazel Frances Seger, of Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 25, 1921. They have one child, Irving E.

JOSEPH MASSA BASSETT—In the name of Bassett there is written proud American history from the time of the coming of William Bassett in the "Fortune" in 1621. This founder, a native of England, married in Leyden, Holland, Margaret Oldham, and in his American home filled a place of usefulness in Colonial life, serving at one time as a Deputy to the General Court. The strength and vigor of a Puritan and Pilgrim ancestry found its application in the conditions under which Joseph Massa Bassett's life was spent, and as a founder of an important, prosperous industry and a public-spirited, upright citizen, he left a strong impress upon his time.

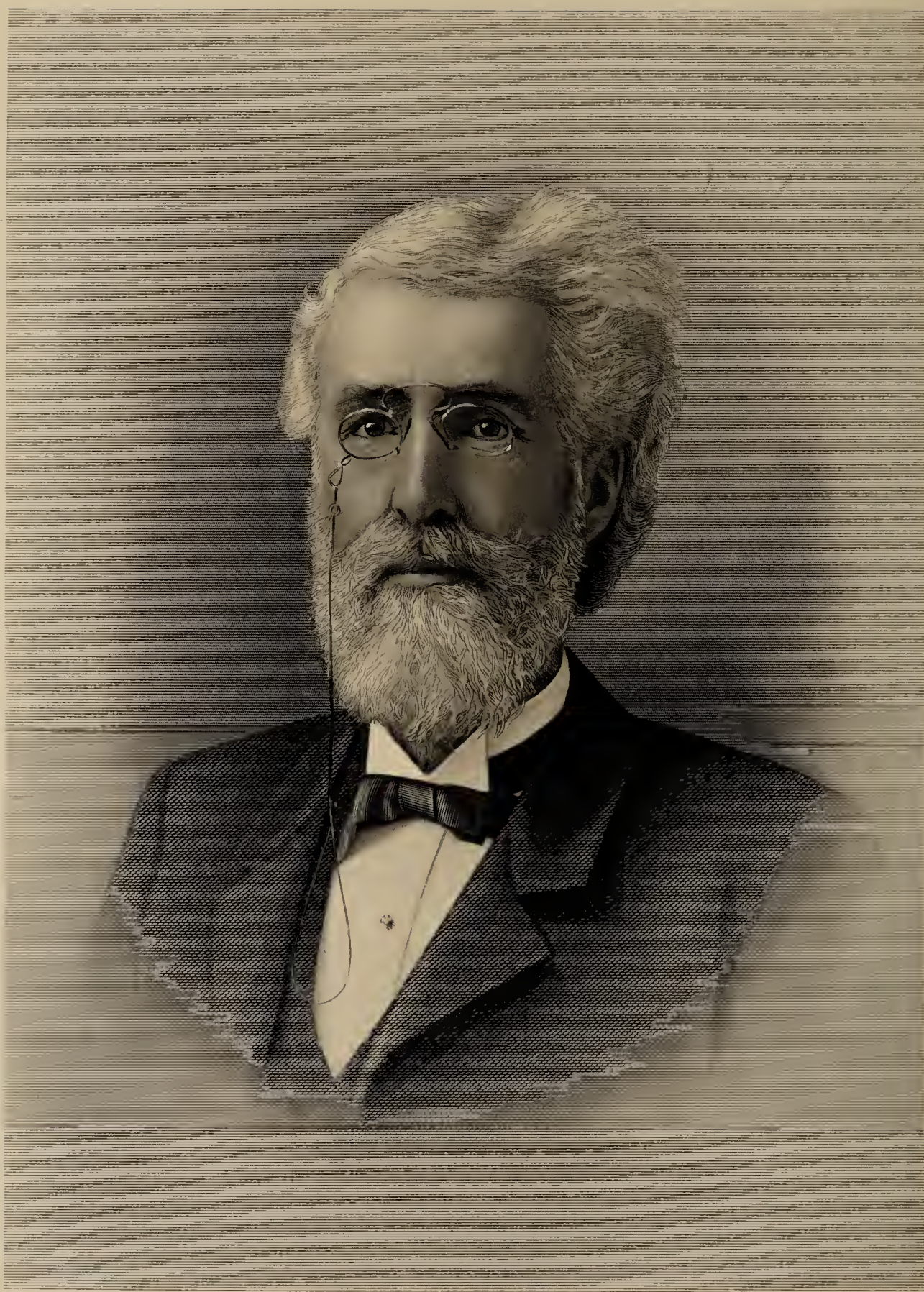
Mr. Bassett, son of George and Achsa (Adams) Bassett, was born in Eden, Vermont, August 31, 1834, and died in Paris, France, September 10, 1906. He received his education in the district schools of his native town and when not in school worked with his father on the farm. In April, 1851, when he was sixteen years old, he came to Worcester and found employment in the Court Mills. Six months later, on account

of illness, he returned to his home and remained there for two years, working most of the time as clerk in a general store. In March, 1854, he returned to Worcester, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was employed for a time in a lumber yard. For eight years he was bookkeeper in a factory making woolen machinery. He resigned to become a partner in the firm of E. C. Cleveland & Company, but after four years he sold his interests to his partner. During the following year he was a partner in the firm of Bassett & Hobbs, in the wool business, returning again to the manufacture of woolen machinery in partnership with Mr. Cleveland, under the firm name of Cleveland & Bassett. Two years later this firm was dissolved. In July, 1870, the firm of Johnson & Bassett, Inc., was formed for the manufacture of wool spinning machinery and continued until the death of Mr. Johnson, in March, 1880. Mr. Bassett then purchased from the heirs of his partner their interests and continued the business under the same name to the time of his death. The business was located in a spacious factory on Foster Street, and the product of the factory found a way to the spinning mills in all parts of the country. Mr. Bassett became one of the leading manufacturers of the city and highly prosperous. He was fond of travel, enjoyed the business trips that took him to all parts of this country and Europe, and traveled much for pleasure in later years. In politics he was a Republican, and for six years served on the School Committee of the city.

Mr. Bassett married, April 16, 1857, Elizabeth Alden Kennan, who was born in Vermont, and they were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters, but two of whom grew to maturity: George M., a sketch of whom follows; and Arthur J., a music teacher of note, living in Worcester.

GEORGE MASSA BASSETT, son of Joseph Massa, a sketch of whom precedes, and Elizabeth Alden (Kennan) Bassett, and descendant maternally of "Mayflower" ancestry (John Alden), was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, November 3, 1864. He was educated in private and public schools in Worcester, graduating from the Worcester High School in the class of 1882. He entered Amherst in 1882, completing his course in 1886, and immediately became associated in business with his father, and in 1893 was admitted to partnership in the firm of Johnson & Bassett, Inc. His father retired in 1898, and since that time George M. Bassett has been managing director of the business. Mr. Bassett is a director in the Mechanics' National Bank, president, member of board of investment and trustee of the Mechanics' Savings Bank. He is a stockholder and director in various other industries. He is a member of the Worcester Club, the Tatnuck Country Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club, the Commonwealth Club, and the University Club of Worcester; the Brookline Country Club of Brookline, Massachusetts, and the New York Club of New York City. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Bassett married, in this city, November 7, 1888, Cora Louise Richards, born in Worcester, daughter of Seth and Louise Todd Richards. They had one son, Paul Richards, who died in infancy. Their home is at No. 15 Ripley Street, this city.



J. M. Bassett



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JOSEPH GREGORY E. PAGÉ, M. D., prominent in the practice of medicine in Southern Worcester County and active in many branches of social and community advance, is one of the leading figures in the professional world of Southbridge, Massachusetts. A native of Canada and trained for his profession in one of the foremost Canadian universities, Dr. Pagé has been a resident of Massachusetts for more than a quarter of a century and active in practice. He is a son of George Pagé, who was born at Sorel, Canada, and was active as a merchant until his death, which occurred in the year 1883. The mother, Genevieve (Crépeau) Pagé, was also born at Sorel, Canada, but survived her husband for some sixteen years, passing away in 1899, in Southbridge.

Joseph Gregory E. Pagé was born at Sorel, Canada, March 13, 1871. He was thirteen years of age when his widowed mother became a resident of Worcester, but having started his schooling in Canada was sent back there to complete his education. Following his elementary studies, he attended St. Hyacinthe Seminary, after which he entered Laval University, at Montreal, Canada, from which he was graduated in the class of 1895 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Coming to the United States shortly following his graduation, Dr. Pagé began the practice of medicine in the city of Framingham, Massachusetts, where he remained for about three years, then in 1899 settled permanently at Southbridge, where he has since practiced continuously, with offices at No. 28 Hamilton Street. Naturally gifted in those lines which contribute to professional success and with this excellent training behind him, Dr. Pagé has won an enviable position in his chosen field of endeavor and now commands a very extensive practice in Southbridge and vicinity. He stands high in the profession, holding membership in the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and Worcester County Medical Society. He is also a member of the Southbridge Board of Health, and has served for some years as town physician and medical examiner. During the World War Dr. Pagé was active as examining physician for the Draft Board. In various other branches of political and civic interest Dr. Pagé has also served with efficiency, having been elected Selectman of the town for two terms and a member of the School Committee for three years. His political affiliation is with the Republican party, and he is at this time chairman of the Republican Town Committee. He was an alternate delegate to the convention at Chicago which nominated Harding for the Presidency. He is a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce and does much to advance all community interests. Fraternally Dr. Pagé is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Catholic Order of Foresters; the Franco-American Foresters, of which he is national treasurer; also the Union Saint Jean de Baptiste; the Artisan's Order of Mutual Protection, and a member of the Circle Canadien. Dr. Pagé is connected with the Roman Catholic Church of Notre Dame.

Dr. Pagé married, in 1898, Lena M. Thibeault, of Framingham, Massachusetts, and they have two children: Beatrice G., now a student at Boston University, class of 1927; and George Joseph, nine years of age.

JOHN PARTRIDGE—In one of the most practical lines of mercantile activity John Partridge holds a leading place in the city of Worcester as the head of the Partridge Paint Company. His natural business ability and long experience in this field of endeavor have placed him in a position to contribute largely to the welfare of the community through his management of this interest, and he has widely encouraged the use of paints and varnishes in this locality. Mr. Partridge is a son of G. W. Partridge, who was born at Paxton, Massachusetts, and ran a bus line in Worcester until about 1900. From then until his death, which occurred in 1914, he was practically retired. The mother, Eva C. (Lyon) Partridge, was born in Spencer, Massachusetts, and died in 1919.

John Partridge, son of these parents, was born in Paxton, Massachusetts, April 10, 1874. The family coming to Worcester in his childhood, he received his education in the public schools of this city, and on the completion of his studies became interested in the paint business. First following this line as an employee, he has since continued without interruption in the same field of endeavor, striking out for himself in 1915. At that time he purchased the long-established paint business which was founded by a Mr. Chase, who was succeeded by L. B. Holt about 1890. Upon taking over this interest Mr. Partridge changed the name to the Partridge Paint Company and materially increased and expanded the business. He has carried it forward with constantly increasing success, and it is one of the most important as well as one of the oldest enterprises of its kind in the city to-day. Mr. Partridge acts as the exclusive agent for the city of Worcester for the Oliver Johnson Company, nationally prominent manufacturers of paints. He carries a very comprehensive line of paints and varnishes, also painter's supplies, and is well known as one of the most progressive men in this field in Worcester County to-day. Mr. Partridge is identified with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Masonic and Kiwanis clubs, and attends the Baptist church of Worcester. Interested in all branches of civic and benevolent advance, he is counted among the really prominent men of the day.

Mr. Partridge married, on July 11, 1900, Lilla Burns, who was born in Worcester, and they are the parents of two daughters: Olive G. and Phyllis G.

HENRY PETER HERR, LL. B., a prominent figure in professional circles in Athol, Massachusetts, attorney and counsellor-at-law, a public-spirited citizen, member of fraternities and clubs, and veteran of the World War, his success has come as the reward of his own efforts, and he is esteemed one of the really significant men in professional circles of Worcester County. He is a son of John Adams and Margaret Herr, his father a cabinetmaker by trade.

Henry Peter Herr was born at Dedham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, July 28, 1887. His education was begun in the grammar schools of Hyde Park, Massachusetts, and following his high school course he entered Boston University Law School, from which he was graduated in the year 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Within the year he was admitted to the

bar of Massachusetts and took up his professional career at Hyde Park, where he has since been active continuously with the sole interruption of the war. In 1911 Mr. Herr was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court, and his activities have brought him into more than usual prominence. He has won large success, and is noted among the broadly progressive and influential lawyers of his native State.

Mr. Herr enlisted in the United States Army October 4, 1917, and served as first sergeant with the 301st Infantry, 76th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, as a member of the supply company attached to that unit. He saw active service in France from July, 1918, to the end of December, 1918, when he was returned to the United States and was mustered out of the service January 18, 1919. Returning to his professional activities Mr. Herr settled in Athol, Massachusetts, opening his office here and has since developed a very extensive practice in Northern Worcester County. With his ability and broad familiarity with public affairs and conditions in their general relation as well as their legal aspect, it was perhaps but natural that Mr. Herr should have been brought forward in the public service. He was a member of the Republican Town Committee of Hyde Park, Massachusetts, for about five years, and in financial circles there was also prominent, having been a director of the Hyde Park Coöperative Bank for about eight years. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Norfolk County Bar Association, the Gamma Eta Gamma, legal fraternity, and is a leading member of Athol Council, Knights of Columbus; and Edward H. Phillips Post, American Legion, of Athol, of which he is commander. Before coming to Athol he was a member of Cecil W. Fogg Post, American Legion, Hyde Park District of Boston, Massachusetts, being among the charter members. He has few interests which do not more or less closely concern his professional work, but chooses outdoor recreations for relaxation, and is a member of the Poquaug Club of Athol, Massachusetts, and member of its executive committee. His religious affiliation is with the Church of Our Lady Immaculate, of Athol, Massachusetts.

Mr. Herr married, October 21, 1923, Katharine Harris, of Dedham, Massachusetts, daughter of John H. and Margaret (Slattery) Harris.

WILLIAM THOMAS McBRIDE—For the past fifteen years William Thomas McBride has been successfully engaged in the pursuit of the dental profession in Athol, Massachusetts, and during that time has not only built up a large clientele, but he has also built for himself a reputation for excellent workmanship and for honest business methods. He has many friends in Athol and the territory surrounding that city, and is well known in fraternal circles here.

Born in Gilbertsville, Massachusetts, May 16, 1881, he is a son of John H. McBride, a native of Millbury, Massachusetts, who was long engaged in business as a barber in Palmer, Massachusetts, and of Matilda (Doggett) McBride, of Haverhill, Massachusetts. He received his early and preparatory education in the public schools of Palmer, Massachusetts, then became a student in Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1908 with

the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. In the fall of the same year he came to Athol, Massachusetts, and opened offices there. During the years that have passed since that time he has not only built up a clientele which includes a large number of the best known people in Athol, but has won the esteem not only of his patrons but of his professional associates and of those with whom he is associated in civic activities. He has many friends in Athol and in the country surrounding that city. He gives his support to the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and has served on the Appropriation Committee; Public Safety Committee for the past five years; and at present is a member of the Board of Public Safety, Health and Hygiene. During the World War he served as a consulting dentist on the Draft Board, District No. 12, and as chairman of the Twelfth District Preparedness League of American Dentists. The league rendered valuable service by attending to the dental needs of the soldiers and of men who would soon go into service, nearly all of which was free of charge. Fraternally, Mr. McBride is a member of Lodge No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Gardner, Massachusetts; and of the Knights of Columbus of Athol. He is also a member of the Poquaug Club of Athol. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic church.

On October 11, 1911, at Orange, Massachusetts, William Thomas McBride married Annie F. Walker, of Orange, Massachusetts, daughter of Michael Walker, a native of Nova Scotia, and of Margaret (O'Connell) Walker. Mr. and Mrs. McBride are the parents of two children: Muriel Margaret, born November 10, 1912; and William Thomas, Jr., born March 27, 1917.

ERNEST L. SMITH—As treasurer of the Millbury Savings Bank, Ernest L. Smith holds a position of trust in the community and is affiliated closely with the financial advance of Worcester County, Massachusetts. His long experience in the world of finance and his natural business ability place him in the front rank of progress, and he is counted among the foremost citizens of Millbury. A member of an old family of this State, Mr. Smith is a son of D. Herbert Smith, who was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and was active in the grocery business in the city of Worcester until his retirement in 1917. He is still living at an advanced age, and is a venerable and honored figure, a veteran of the Civil War, having served as private in the 51st and later the 25th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He has been a member for many years of Worcester Post No. 10, Grand Army of the Republic. The mother, Helen A. (Lane) Smith, was born in Rutland, Massachusetts, and is also still living.

Ernest L. Smith was born in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, September 9, 1875. Receiving his early education in the local public schools, he also attended he Worcester Classical High School, then entered upon his career as an employee of the Quinsigamond National Bank of Worcester, beginning as a messenger. He continued with this institution until it was taken over by the Worcester Bank and Trust Company and thereafter remained with the new concern until 1910 as check teller. His association with these two institutions covered a period of fourteen years. After resigning from



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the latter, Mr. Smith came to Millbury to accept the position of treasurer of the Millbury Savings Bank. He still serves in this capacity, and is also a trustee of the institution, further acting as clerk of the board of investments. Fraternally Mr. Smith is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons, and the Royal and Select Masters, and he is identified with the Savings Bank Officers' Club and the Sons of Veterans. Mr. Smith's hobby is music, and since he was eight years old, has played the violin, and for many years has played at Central Church.

Ernest L. Smith married, in 1906, Clara M. Carter, who was born in Millbury, and they have one daughter, Mildred Irene, who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, December 19, 1908. The family attends the Central Church of Worcester.

DAVID FRANCIS (D. FRANK) DILLON—For several generations the name of Dillon has been a prominent one in the city of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and the D. M. Dillon Steam Boiler Works, the life achievement of the founder, is one of the noteworthy and largely prosperous interests of this city, David Francis Dillon, his son, now being one of the heads of the organization.

D. M. Dillon, who established this enterprise and has been president of the concern for many years, was born in St. Johns, Newfoundland, April 15, 1843, coming to Worcester, Massachusetts, when sixteen years old, and to Fitchburg in 1870, becoming one of the foremost citizens of this place. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted in the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Army, in June, 1863, serving during the remaining period of the war. As a youth he acquired training and experience in the manufacture of steam boilers, also along general mechanical lines. In the year 1870 he struck out for himself as an independent operator in this general field, founding this factory, which has become one of the leading enterprises of Fitchburg. Under the firm name of the D. M. Dillon Steam Boiler Works, this concern has enjoyed a very large and permanent growth, and Mr. Dillon's hand has directed its fortunes until the present time. In the public life of the city D. M. Dillon was long prominent. As early as 1886 he was elected Alderman from his ward and was a member of the Board of Aldermen for two years. His constant activity in the business world and his increasing importance as a manufacturer led to his election to the Fitchburg Board of Trade, which he served as president in the year 1893. Later on his long experience was eminently useful to the city through his service as a member of the Fitchburg Sewage Commission, to which he was appointed June 11, 1910, and upon which he served during the activity of that body which closed with the completion of the city's sewer system on June 11, 1911. The mother, Margaret G. (Kavanaugh) Dillon, is a native of Greenfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts.

David Francis (D. Frank) Dillon was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, October 19, 1873. His education was begun in the local public schools and completed at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he secured a practical preparation for his later activities. As a young man he became affiliated with his father in the

above enterprise and learned the various branches of the business by the practical method of experience in all departments. When he had thoroughly familiarized himself with the activities of the plant he assumed executive responsibility and has gradually risen in the organization until now he fills the office of vice-president of the D. M. Dillon Steam Boiler Works. For a number of years he and his brother, Frederick N. Dillon, have been the principal active executives of the firm, relieving their father of the larger share of responsibility, and the progress of the organization has been even more marked since their activity in it. David Francis Dillon has also been interested for a number of years in the Union Foundry Company of Fitchburg, and for several years he has been president and treasurer of the this concern, also a member of the National Metal Trades Association, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and the Alumnae Association of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Mr. Dillon's prominence in the industrial world of the city has placed him among the well known and influential men of Northern Worcester County, and his social affiliations are wide. He is a member of the Fay Club, and the Oak Hill Country Club, of Fitchburg; the Worcester and Tatnuck Country clubs of Worcester, Massachusetts; the Boston Athletic Association, of Boston; and the Brae Burn Country Club, of West Newton, Massachusetts. His leisure interests are revealed in his wide connection with the country club activities of Worcester County, and he takes pleasure in all out-of-door interests. His chief hobby is raising fine bred Guernsey cattle on his farm near Fitchburg. By political affiliation he is identified with the Republican party, although never an office seeker.

Mr. Dillon married, in New York City, on July 6, 1916, Janet Ansel Wright, daughter of Elwin T. and Mary (Frances) Wright, and they have two children: David Francis, Jr., born May 26, 1917; and Janet, born November 30, 1918.

WILLIAM A. EARLE—As vice-president of the Gardner Upholstered Furniture Company of Gardner, Massachusetts, William A. Earle is holding a position of marked prominence in this city, and is associated with James H. Noonan and Thomas F. Denny, Mr. Denny being president of the concern and Mr. Noonan treasurer.

Mr. Earle is a son of John and Rebecca (Russell) Earle, both natives of Newfoundland and descendants of pioneer settlers of that island. John Earle was a shipbuilder by trade and followed this business for some years in Newfoundland, later operating a fishing station on the coast of Labrador. He was for some time master watch on a coastwise steamer, Captain John Bartlett commanding, Captain Bartlett having been the grandfather of Lieutenant Peary's navigator on one of the Peary expeditions to the North Pole. John Earle retired from business about 1892, and removed to British Columbia, where he made his home at New Westminster, among his children, two sons and two daughters having settled in that section some time previously. He died about 1919, the mother surviving him for about one year.

William A. Earle was born on the island of Newfoundland, May 24, 1871. His education was acquired in the public schools of that place, and he later was em-

ployed at his father's fishing station in Labrador for a time. In 1891 he came to the United States, but returned to Nova Scotia about a year later and spent two or three years in that vicinity. Thereafter coming to the United States for permanent residence, he secured his first naturalization papers in Boston about three months after his arrival, then came to Gardner. Here he entered the employ of the chair manufacturing concern of John A. Dunn Company, having secured a position in the upholstery department. There he learned the trade of upholsterer during his period of activity with that concern, which covered some six and a one-half years, and rose to the position of foreman of that department. He then resigned to accept a position with the S. K. Pierce & Son Company, where he was placed in charge of the upholstery department. Mr. Earle remained with the Pierce interests for a period of sixteen years, gaining a fund of practical experience which has been of great value to him in his subsequent activities. In 1919 Mr. Earle resigned from this position to become associated with Mr. Denny and Mr. Noonan in the incorporation of the Gardner Upholstered Furniture Company. This concern has made remarkable progress, and although one of the younger organizations now active in the manufacture of furniture in Gardner, it has taken front rank in its field in the manufacture of the highest grade overstuffed furniture for the living room or drawing room. The Gardner Upholstered Furniture Company make nothing but the finest and most beautiful upholstered furniture, of the most artistic design and perfect workmanship. They were the one firm in New England exhibiting at the "Home Beautiful" show in Boston in April, 1923, this fact alone placing them among the foremost manufacturers of furniture in the East. Mr. Earle has been a significant factor in the progress of the enterprise, he is an expert in upholstery work and has charge of the factory end of the business while his partners take the oversight of the office affairs and sales branches.

Mr. Earle married, in 1897, Jenny F. McKenzie, of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and they are the parents of four children: Clayton C., now in the employ of the Gardner Upholstered Furniture Company; Clarence W., employed with the same concern; Blanche R., a senior in high school; and Lois Christine, in the graded schools of Gardner.

ISIDORE W. SMITH, D. M. D.—A veteran of the World War, Dr. Smith is one of the leading members of his profession at Leominster, where he has an extensive general practice. He was born on Prince Edward Island January 12, 1891, son of George and Elizabeth (McKenna) Smith. His father, who is a master carpenter by trade, came to Leominster with his family when Dr. Smith was about four years old and has ever since been closely identified with the business and social life of the community.

Dr. Smith received his preliminary education in the public schools of Leominster and was graduated from the Leominster High School as a member of the class of 1909. During his school days his attention had been attracted by the profession of dentistry, and, as he was naturally of a scientific turn of mind and possessed a keen eye and a ready hand, he determined to become a

member of the dental profession. His parents were pleased with this decision and spared no pains to give him every advantage within their power so that he might begin his professional career with the best possible training. Accordingly after his graduation from high school, Dr. Smith spent some years in special collegiate study, and was graduated from Tuft's Dental College in 1917 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine. He returned to Leominster upon the completion of his professional studies and established himself in an independent practice. But he did not long remain at home. The United States had declared war upon the German Empire in April of that year, and on August 30, 1917, Dr. Smith enlisted in the United States Army and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Dental Corps. He was assigned to service at Camp Dix, New Jersey, and remained in active service until May, 1919, when he received an honorable discharge. His long period of military service gave him a great deal of valuable experience, and the great variety of dental cases which came under his observation added to the breadth of his theoretical and practical knowledge. Upon his return to Leominster, after the end of the war, Dr. Smith resumed his private practice, which he had abandoned in order to enlist in the army. His thorough knowledge and wide experience, no less than his scientific and capable manner, inspired confidence, and his practice has grown steadily until it is now one of the most extensive and prosperous in Leominster. Dr. Smith spares no pains to maintain the utmost efficiency in his office and his equipment is of the best and most scientific kind. He is not a member of any professional organization, but he keeps fully abreast of the latest advances in dental science, and is a keen student of new methods of treatment.

Dr. Smith is a Catholic and belongs to the St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church at Leominster, taking the greatest interest in all the parish activities. He is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, attending the meetings of the local lodge of that order with the utmost regularity. He is also a member of Leominster Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and of the Wachusett Dental Society.

On July 16, 1920, he married, at Leominster, Kathleen Lawless, daughter of John and Katherine (Daley) Lawless. Dr. and Mrs. Smith have one daughter, Kathleen Frances, born at Leominster, March 12, 1921.

RAYMOND MARCY BURNHAM—Representing some of the foremost insurance companies in the world, Raymond Marcy Burnham, of Southbridge, Massachusetts, holds a broadly noteworthy position in the business life of this community, and is contributing in no small degree to the economic security of the people. Mr. Burnham is a native of the State of Connecticut, and was reared in the leading insurance city of the world, where he was born. He is a son of Ellery D. and Rinda M. (Marcy) Burnham, both also natives of Connecticut, the father born in Eastford, and the mother in Union. Both are now living in Southbridge. The elder Mr. Burnham has been engaged in business as a shoe manufacturer in Wethersfield for many years.

Raymond M. Burnham was born in Hartford, Connec-



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ticut, May 22, 1887. Receiving his early education in the public and high schools of his native city, he later entered Yale University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The same year he located in Southbridge. His first experience in the business world was in the field of insurance, in which he has since been continuously active. In 1911 he started for himself as an insurance broker and salesman, purchasing the present interest, which is the oldest established insurance agency of Southbridge. This enterprise was founded in the year 1875 by E. M. Phillips, who began a general insurance business and later received into partnership his son, Edgar M. Phillips, the firm name becoming E. M. Phillips & Son. This partnership continued until the death of Edgar M. Phillips, which occurred about 1901. For ten years thereafter the business was carried on by his widow, Mrs. Hattie L. Phillips, and during the latter part of that period Mr. Burnham acted as her assistant. In 1911 Mr. Burnham purchased the interest and has since conducted it independently with large and increasing success. With offices at No. 76 Main Street, Southbridge, this is now the oldest and probably the largest agency in Southbridge and vicinity. Mr. Burnham represents thirty different insurance companies, including both the old line pioneers and the more recent forms of protection which cover accident and calamity of various kinds. He holds a noteworthy position in the business life of the community, and is counted among the leading men of Southbridge. Fraternally he is identified with Quinebaug Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; also all the York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic order up to and including the commandery and consistory. He also is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Southbridge Club, the Cohasse Country Club, the Quinebaug Club, Zeta Psi fraternity at Yale, and Boston Yale Club. He is a trustee of the Southbridge Savings Bank, a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce, and attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Burnham married, in 1911, Marjorie Newton, who was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and they have two children: Jane Newton, born December 4, 1915; and John Newton, born December 6, 1918.

ADIN W. CUSTANCE—A prominent factor in the life of this community, including commercial, civic, and social aspects is Adin W. Custance, president and manager of The Consolidated Ice Company of Clinton. Mr. Custance came originally from Nova Scotia, where he was born October 31, 1866, but was brought as a child to the United States by his parents, who lived for a time in Weymouth, Massachusetts, where he acquired his education. Mr. Custance is a son of William J. and Margaret (McKay) Custance, both of whom were natives of Nova Scotia, and lived there until after their marriage. The elder Mr. Custance followed the occupation of carriage maker throughout his life, his death occurring in 1903, while his wife survived him three years, she having died in 1906.

When school days were over and it came time for Mr. Custance to choose a trade, he elected to follow in his father's footsteps and learned carriage building, which he continued to follow for sixteen years. At the end of

that period he decided to realize his ambition to go into business for himself, and in 1900 became manager of the Lancaster Ice Company; in 1902 the Lancaster Ice Company and The Consolidated Ice Company consolidated, Mr. Custance still retaining the managership, and in 1910 he was made president of The Consolidated Ice Company.

For nearly a quarter of a century now he has been the executive head of this enterprise, serving the community with one of the necessities of modern life, and contributing to the commercial prosperity of the town of Clinton. While devoting the greater part of his time to the conduct of his business Mr. Custance has also made opportunity to perform his duties as a public-spirited citizen, and has been chairman of the Town Committee for nine years (1918), and for eight years has been chief of the Clinton Fire Department, which position he still holds. In his political affiliation he is an adherent of the Republican party and policies. He maintains membership in several of the well-known clubs and organizations of the community, including the Prescott Club, of which he is president, 1923; the Chamber of Commerce, and Masonic bodies. In the latter he has been especially prominent, and is a member of Trinity Lodge, the York Rite and the Shriners organization. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. When a younger man, from 1888 to 1891, Mr. Custance gained military experience by serving with Company K, 5th Regiment of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, with the rank of private.

In 1890 Lilla M. Dinsmore, of Clinton, became the wife of Adin W. Custance, and they have three children, whose names are: Adin M., Marion S., and Kenneth D. The family are members of the Unitarian church of Clinton.

WILLIAM NELSON WOOD, for more than forty years has been engaged in business as a pharmacist in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, and there are few business men of that place who are better known or more highly esteemed than is he.

The Wood family is a very old one in New England, tracing its ancestry to William Nelson Wood, who settled in Concord, Massachusetts, and died there in 1671. His will was dated September 15, 1670, when his age was given as about eighty-eight years. He left a son, Michael Wood, from whom have descended numerous families of the name.

(I.) One of the descendants of these early settlers was Elijah Wood, who was born about 1740, settled in the town of Gardner, Massachusetts, about 1770. He married Isabella ———, and they were the parents of the following children: Jonathan, of further mention; Isabella, Elijah R., Susanna, Eunice, Dolly, and Timothy.

(II.) Jonathan Wood, son of Elijah and Isabella Wood, was born about 1760 and died in Gardner in 1819. He married (first) Anna ———; (second) Lois ———; and (third) Lucy ———. Children of the first marriage were: Jonathan (2), of further mention; and Catherine. Children of the second marriage were: Benjamin, Windsor D., Oliver, and Eunice.

(III.) Jonathan (2) Wood, son of Jonathan and Anna Wood, was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, October 25, 1781, and was educated in the public schools of that

town. He worked on the farm with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, and then engaged in farming for himself, which occupation he continued to follow in Gardner throughout his active life. He married (first) Betsey Bancroft, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Case) Bancroft, of Gardner, Massachusetts, and they were the parents of the following children: Polly, Betsey, Almond, and Smyrna. Jonathan (2) Wood married (second) Sarah Perley, daughter of Allen and Judith (Case) Perley, of Gardner, and they were the parents of three children: Sarah Case, Nelson Perley, of further mention; and Alden B. Jonathan (2) Wood married (third) Olive Haskell Morse, daughter of Oliver and Betsey (Davis) Morse.

(IV.) Nelson Perley Wood, son of Jonathan (2) and Sarah (Perley) Wood, was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, January 26, 1821, and was "bound out" when he was about seven years of age, to Deacon S. W. Bancroft. When his apprenticeship was completed he went to Paxton, where he learned the trade of the treer in the boot and shoe factory of Bigelow & Company. In 1848 he returned to Gardner and entered the employ of Col-lester, Rugg & Company, in whose finishing department he remained for a period of twenty-five years. After engaging in business for himself for a time in Gardner, he engaged in farming and finally bought land at the corner of Center and Lynde Streets, in Gardner, where he lived until 1888. He then sold his place to Henry Heywood and built a residence at No. 64 Lincoln Street, which he occupied during the last three years of his life. His death occurred in 1890. Politically he gave his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and his religious affiliation was with the Universalist church. He was active in several temperance movements, and was deeply interested in the work of the Good Templars, which organization he served as treasurer. He married, May 1, 1850, Mercy W. Nichols, who was born August 23, 1828, and died in 1899, daughter of John and Mercy (Woodward) Nichols, and they were the parents of two sons: William Nelson, of further mention; and James Smyrna, who married Lillian E. Perham, and has two children: Marion and Nelson.

(V.) William Nelson Wood, son of Nelson Perley and Mercy W. (Nichols) Wood, was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, July 21, 1854, and received his education in the public schools of Gardner, including the high school. When his school training was completed, he found his first employment in the chair factory of Heywood Brothers, with whom he remained until 1872. He then made a change and entered the employ of Jonathan Alger as clerk in his clothing store in Gardner, later being placed in charge of the business for a time. Two years later he severed that connection, and from 1872 to 1880, was employed in several different lines of business. In 1880, however, he began the study of pharmacy under the direction of Dr. James Emmerson, of Gardner, and four years later he opened a drug store of his own in the town of Ashburnham, Worcester County, Massachusetts. Since that time he has been continuously and successfully engaged in that business, and his pharmacy has come to be one of the best known and the most liberally patronized in the community. For seven years his pharmacy was located on Central Street, but by the end of that time the increase of business

made a change advisable and he removed to his present location on Central Street. Mr. Wood has always taken an active interest in local public affairs, and in the quiet ways of the loyal citizen has contributed much to the development of the place. In 1899 he was made cashier of the Ashburnham Bank, but after efficiently filling that position for a period of five years he resigned because the demands of his pharmaceutical business required his full time and interest. He gives his support to the Republican party, and for thirteen years he served as Tax Collector of his district. He is a member of Naukeag Lodge, No. 196, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Ashburnham, of which he is a Past Noble Grand; and was also a member of the Ashburnham Grange, No. 202, Patrons of Husbandry, which body he served for a number of years as a member of its board of trustees. He is a member of the National Association of Druggists, and his religious interest is with the Congregational church of Ashburnham, of which he is an attendant. Mr. Wood has a host of friends in the community, many of whom have known him for more than a quarter of a century and hold him in the highest esteem.

William Nelson Wood married (first), April 30, 1884, Nellie F. Woodbury, daughter of Samuel D. and Jerusha (Vose) Woodbury, of Winchendon, Massachusetts. She died and Mr. Wood married (second), September 1, 1897, Susan Ellen Heald, who was born December 3, 1871, daughter of George and Lucia A. (Williams) Heald, of Ashburnham. To the second marriage three children were born: Donald Heald, who was born August 28, 1898, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, of Troy, New York, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer, and is now an instructor in that institution; Guy Carlton, who was born April 26, 1900, is a graduate of Colgate University; and Irene Elizabeth, who was born November 6, 1902.

CHARLES HARDY BAILEY, B. S., M. D.—One of the foremost figures in the professional world of Northern Worcester County, Massachusetts, is Dr. Charles H. Bailey, of Gardner, whose record of forty-two years of uninterrupted practice in this community reflects honor upon himself and bears close relation to the well-being of the people. Dr. Bailey comes of early Colonial stock of Massachusetts, for a number of generations resident in the State of New Hampshire, where Dr. Bailey was born. Amos Bailey migrated from Pelham, Massachusetts, to West Swansea, New Hampshire, as early as the year 1789, and the family remained in that town. Dr. Bailey has in his home some early furniture taken from Massachusetts to New Hampshire at that time Jonathan Bailey, Dr. Bailey's grandfather, was born at West Swansea, and was active throughout his lifetime as a farmer and mechanic. Clark Bailey, son of Jonathan Bailey, was also born in West Swansea, and followed the same general line of activity in which his father had been engaged. He married Caroline C. Davis, who was born in the town of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and both died in West Swansea. Their son Charles Hardy, is the subject of this review.

Charles Hardy Bailey was born at West Swansea, New Hampshire, September 21, 1856. He received his early education in the public schools of his birthplace,

then attended the Winchester (New Hampshire) High School, and thereafter entered New Hampshire State College, at that time still a department of Dartmouth College. His choice of the medical profession was early made, and during the greater part of the years 1877-78 he studied under the preceptorship of Dr. A. H. Taft, of Winchester. He entered Dartmouth Medical College in the fall of 1878, and during that winter (1878-9) took the lecture course at Maine Medical College, at Brunswick, Maine, then was graduated from Dartmouth in the class of 1880, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. In April of the same year Dr. Bailey took up the practice of medicine in Gardner and has been continuously active since along general lines, early winning the confidence and esteem of the people and bearing a constructive part in the community progress. He has served as a member of the medical staff of the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital from the time of its founding, in 1907, until the present, and is now also a member of the Medical Advisory Board. He is affiliated with the Massachusetts State Medical Society, the Worcester North Medical Society and the Gardner Medical Society. For twenty years he served as a member of the Gardner Board of Health, and has also been very active in local educational advance, serving for fifteen years on the School Board. He is a member of the Gardner Boat Club.

Dr. Bailey married, on August 14, 1884, Clare E. Morse, of Winchester, New Hampshire, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Louise M., a graduate of Smith College, class of 1910, who was active for ten years as librarian of the State Library at Hartford, Connecticut, and is now librarian at Trinity College. 2. Katharine J., a graduate of the same institution, class of 1912, now the wife of Professor H. D. Dozier, who holds the chair of economics at Dartmouth College; they have three children: Douglass Bailey, born February 1, 1919; Sidney Franklin, born January 19, 1921; and Mary Louise, born September 12, 1922. Both Louise M. and Katharine J. graduated with honors and are members of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. 3. Charles Roger, graduated from Dartmouth College, class of 1921, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, also a *cum laude* graduate, now a student in electrical engineering in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a member of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity.

JAMES C. SMITH—Having served his community of Leominster, Massachusetts, for a number of years in connection with its public schools, Mr. Smith is now engaged in the local post office as assistant postmaster, and is known to a large number of his fellow citizens. His father was Charles H. Smith, of Charlestown, Massachusetts, a veteran of the Civil War, having served with the 32d Massachusetts Infantry, and was discharged with the rank of captain. He was a member of John H. Chipman Post, No. 57, Grand Army of the Republic, of Beverly, Massachusetts, and engaged in the shoe industry until his death in 1902. The mother, Sarah E. (Rogers) Smith, was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, and died in 1916.

James C. Smith was born at Beverly, Massachusetts, March 11, 1867. When his education in the public

schools of Everett, Massachusetts, was completed he was employed in the grocery business for nine years, and leaving that, accepted a position with the schools in Leominster as truant officer and military instructor. He continued to fulfill the duties of this former office for thirteen years, but decided to leave in 1907 and become a clerk in Leominster Post Office, retaining his duties, however, as military instructor until 1915. In 1919 he was appointed assistant postmaster, which position he still retains.

Fraternally he is a member of the Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Royal Arcanum, Masonic Club and is also member of the Spanish-American War Veterans. He served in Company B, 6th Massachusetts Infantry, taking an active part in the Porto Rican campaign as first lieutenant. He served with the above company from 1898 to 1909, being discharged that year with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. During the World War he organized a company in the Massachusetts State Guard, called Company F, 19th Regiment, of which he was captain for one year, then resigned. He attends the Baptist church in Leominster.

Mr. Smith married (first), in 1890, Hattie L. McIntire, a native of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, who died in 1916. He married (second), in 1919, Alma L. Ellis, born in Winchendon, and she died in 1922. His children are: 1. Leone E., now engaged in community service work at Pittsford, Vermont; he married Elinor Homer, and they have two children: James C. (2), and David K. 2. Evelyn L., wife of Harold G. Barrett, of Leominster; they have one child, Margaret H.

GEORGE L. MINOTT—The unusual record of twenty years' consecutive service as postmaster of his native place has given to George L. Minott, of Gardner, a noteworthy position in the public service. During the last Democratic administration the office was filled by an executive of that party, but again in 1922 Mr. Minott was called to the service of the people and is now still active as postmaster of Gardner. One of the progressive and forward-looking men of the chair city, Mr. Minott is esteemed by all who know him and his life history, both in the industries and in the public service, forms an interesting record. He is a son of John H. and Eliza A. (Kendall) Minott, his father a native of Westminster, Massachusetts, and his mother of Gardner, where they were married in 1854. John H. Minott was identified with the chair industry in Gardner throughout his active lifetime, and was for many years a foreman in the plant of S. Bent & Brothers, of Gardner. He died in 1896, at the age of sixty-nine years, while the mother survived him for twenty years, passing away in 1916, at the age of seventy-nine years.

George L. Minott was born at Gardner, Massachusetts, April 15, 1866. Educated in the public schools of his native place, he took up the responsibilities of life in 1884, entering the employ of a leading chair manufacturing concern of Gardner, Conant & Bush. He was connected with their plant until the dissolution of the firm, about six years later, and during that period he had charge of the wood framing department of the plant. In 1890 Mr. Minott became identified with the Blount Manufacturing Company of Gardner, producers of door

checks, and he was active as foreman of the shipping and finishing room of the plant, also as timekeeper. Later he served for about seven months in the wood framing department of the Whitney Reed Chair Company of Leominster, Massachusetts. For several years thereafter Mr. Minott was engaged in the life insurance business as a representative of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, with which he continued until February 1, 1898. Meanwhile, on November 26, 1897, he received his first appointment as postmaster of West Gardner, and upon taking charge of the office on February 1, 1898, he closed up the activities of his insurance business and devoted his entire attention to the duties of postmaster, and in May, 1899, was also appointed postmaster of Gardner. On January 1, 1900, he was given charge of the central post office, which was the result of the merging of the three post offices of the town of Gardner, heretofore conducted as West Gardner, South Gardner, and Gardner proper. Immediately thereafter local delivery by carrier was established in Gardner by Mr. Minott, and from that time forward the responsibilities of the position were important and exacting. Mr. Minott showed remarkable ability in the early years, during which the centralization of the post office business was becoming established, and his work was so sincerely appreciated that he was retained in office continuously until the year 1917, when he failed of reappointment by the Democratic administration and the appointment of a Democratic postmaster took place. Irrespective of political affiliations or opinions, the general feeling in Gardner is that Mr. Minott served the people in this responsible office the best that ever has been done, and with the return of the Republican party to power in the national capital, Mr. Minott was reappointed to the post office, taking up his duties as postmaster once more on April 1, 1922. During his period of leisure Mr. Minott was very active as secretary of the Gardner Committee on Public Safety, his work being principally along food production lines, and it included the establishment of a public market and a canning station, also the oversight of hundreds of war gardens. Mr. Minott was a leader in this movement for the two years of its principle activity, and during this time he organized a food production police force, which did excellent service in the protection of gardens and other activities of a public nature. On April 6, 1919, Mr. Minott was appointed Deputy Income Tax Assessor for the State of Massachusetts in connection with the Worcester office, and fulfilled the duties of his position for one year, after which he was promoted to superintendent of the Fitchburg office. He presided over that office until his reappointment to the postmastership of Gardner, when he resigned to resume his duties in this connection, in which he is still engaged. Mr. Minott is secretary and treasurer of the Gardner Coöperative Association and is fraternally prominent, being a member of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; of William Ellison Lodge, No. 185, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was Noble Grand in 1923; and also holds membership in the Gardner Encampment, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Sanatorium, No. 151, Tajak Orientals, of Worcester; and Sabin Rebekah Lodge, No. 77. He was president of the Ridgely Club of

Gardner for three years, 1904, 1905, and 1906, and still holds membership in that organization.

George L. Minott married, in 1892, Jessie E. Gourley, then of Gardner, but a native of Milford, New Hampshire. Mrs. Minott is affiliated with the Daughters of Rebekah of Gardner, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Minott are the parents of four children: Gladys E., who married Ronald P. Burrage, a construction engineer of Cleveland, Ohio, and has one child, Ronald P., Jr., Henry W., a special writer for the Worcester "Telegram"; George L., Jr., a freshman in Gardner High School; and Winona D., a student in Gardner Grammar School.

WILFORD P. SHUFFLETON—With long experience in the manufacture of chairs and goods of this general character Mr. Shuffleton has for the past decade been active as a member of the industrial organization known as the Gem Crib & Cradle Company of Gardner, Massachusetts, in which he holds a leading position as vice-president and production manager. Mr. Shuffleton is a member of a Vermont family for many years prominent in Arlington, and is a son of Henry Shuffleton, who was a manufacturer of Arlington for many years, and a man highly esteemed among his associates and contemporaries. The mother, Mary (Burgor) Shuffleton, was born in Rouses Point, New York, and they were married about 1869. Both are now deceased.

Wilford P. Shuffleton was born in Arlington, Vermont, February 5, 1871. His education was received in the town schools of Arlington, which he attended up to the age of seventeen years. At that time he went to South Ashburnham, Massachusetts, where he secured employment in the chair manufacturing plant of Wilbur F. Whitney, remaining for two years. Then going to Syracuse, New York, he remained for one year, and in 1891 came to Gardner, which he has made his permanent home. Here he at once became connected with the plant of Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company, chair manufacturers of this place. Two years later he severed his connections with this concern to enter the employ of the Nichols & Stone Company, manufacturers of the same general line of goods. Mr. Shuffleton was identified with this concern for a period of twenty-two years, rising in their employ to the position of room foreman. In 1913 he resigned from this position to give his attention to the affairs of the Gem Crib & Cradle Company, in which he became associated with Walter L. Beaman and Carl H. Hedstrom, who had founded this interest one year prior to that date. With his long practical experience in the same general field of manufacture Mr. Shuffleton was placed at the head of production as shop foreman, and his judgment and energy have been largely responsible for the remarkable growth of the concern and its present eminence in the industrial world of Gardner. On the incorporation of the company in 1918, Mr. Shuffleton was made vice-president of the concern, still continuing as factory manager. This organization occupies about 44,000 square feet of floor space and employs about one hundred and forty people. Mr. Shuffleton is also interested in various other industrial concerns in this section, being a director in the Hedstrom Union Company, president of the Chairtown Manufacturing Company, director in the S.

& E. Manufacturing Company, and a director in the New England Go Cart Company. Politically he supports the Republican party, but has never taken a leading part in public affairs. He is a member of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Ridgely Club and Ridgely Country Club.

Mr. Shuffleton married, on December 23, 1899, Anna Neylon, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of one daughter, Mildred Eleanor, a graduate of Gardner High School and Becker's Business College of Worcester, Massachusetts, who is now associated with the Gem Crib & Cradle Company as bookkeeper.

GEORGE VOSE UPTON—The history of the Upton family dates back in England to the days of the Norman Conquest. The lineage of the family is traced for twelve centuries in direct line in Cornwall to the ancestor, De Uppetou, of Upton. While the family has spread widely over England, Scotland, and Wales, the original seat of the family was Upton, in Cornwall. John Upton, who was born in England about 1612, came to New England about 1652, and settled in Salem Village, now Danvers, Massachusetts.

George Vose Upton, manufacturer and financier, and a direct descendant of John Upton, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, July 6, 1868. He is the son of Captain Joseph and Amelia F. (Vose) Upton, and was born upon his father's farm, which has since become the site of the Oak Hill Country Club. He was educated in the schools of the city, graduating from the high school in 1886, and for one year following was employed in the office of the Fitchburg Woolen Mill Company. Following this, he entered the employ of the Parkhill Manufacturing Company, as clerk and paymaster, in which association he continued until 1892. In the latter year, 1892, upon the incorporation of the Grant Yarn Company, he took charge of the office of that company, continuing in that capacity until October, 1903, when, because of failing health, he was forced to abandon his business activities, and went to Asheville, North Carolina, to recuperate. After regaining his health he returned to Fitchburg and in 1904 organized the Fitchburg Horn Goods Company, of which he is treasurer and manager. This company is engaged in the manufacture of celluloid novelties and hair ornaments, employing in normal times about one hundred people. Mr. Upton is also secretary of the Grant Yarn Company, which he has served in that capacity since its incorporation in 1892. He is a director of the Fitchburg Bank and Trust Company, and of the Fitchburg Coöperative Bank.

In 1895 Mr. Upton served as a member of the City Council, and for six years preceding December 31, 1913, he was a member of the City School Committee. He is a member of Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar; and of Apollo Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; also of the Calvinistic Congregational Church, which he has served at different times as treasurer and on the board of assessors and the music committee. Mr. Upton is a man of pleasing personality, of congenial nature, and affable manners, and commands the loyal friendship and respect of a wide circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Upton married, September 28, 1891, Helen Abbott Mason, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, who was born in Warren, Massachusetts, November 19, 1867, daughter of George Anthony and Martha Elizabeth (Abbott) Mason. Their children are as follows: 1. Frances Elizabeth, born November 1, 1892; she graduated from the Fitchburg High School in 1910, and was subsequently a student at Simmons College, Boston. She married Stowers Leigh Curry, of New York City, June 2, 1923. 2. Helen Beatrice, born November 24, 1893; she graduated from the Fitchburg High School in 1913, and is now a designer of children's clothing. 3. Dorothy Christine, born February 9, 1899; she graduated from the Fitchburg High School in 1917, and was a student at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, in 1918 and 1919. 4. George Vose, Jr., born November 10, 1900; he graduated from the Fitchburg High School in 1918, and from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1922, and is at present in the employ of the Fitchburg Horn Goods Company. 5. Joseph Mason, twin to George Vose, Jr.; he graduated from the Fitchburg High School in 1918, and from Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1922. At the present time he is in the employ of the Parkhill Manufacturing Company.

HARRY W. BROWN—In legal circles in Worcester County, Massachusetts, Harry W. Brown is largely prominent as attorney and counsellor-at-law, and in civic and fraternal affairs he is also a leading figure. A native of Whitinsville, he was reared in this community, and he is a son of Andrew J. Brown, who was born in the North of Ireland, August 1, 1840, and died in Whitinsville, Massachusetts, in 1914. Andrew J. Brown was a machinist by occupation and a man of estimable character, whose death was a loss to the community. The mother Martha (King) Brown, was born at St. John, New Brunswick, February 3, 1853, and is still living.

Harry W. Brown was born in Whitinsville, Massachusetts, January 11, 1887. His education was begun in the local public schools, and after a preparatory course at Munson Academy, he spent two years at Bates College, after which he entered Boston University Law School and was graduated in the class of 1915, with the degree of LL. B. Admitted to the bar in October of the same year, Mr. Brown opened his office in Whitinsville on the thirteenth of that month, and has since carried forward a general practice with large success. He has developed an extensive clientele, and he is numbered among the very successful men of Worcester County. His public services as Town Solicitor of Whitinsville have contributed in a marked degree to the prosperity of the community. He has served for a number of years as a member of the local School Committee, and is also secretary for the Whitinsville Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally, Mr. Brown is identified with Granite Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; also with Aletheia Grotto of Worcester; Eureka Lodge, Knights of Pythias; and Northbridge Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Brown married Sarah H. McGaw, who was born in Northbridge, September 3, 1898, and is a daughter of Benjamin A. and Mary (Galvin) McGaw. Her father was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, March 11,

1866, and is now master mechanic at the Linwood Mill in Northbridge. The mother was born in Northbridge March 19, 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have three children: Thurston King, born April 5, 1919; Norma, born March 31, 1920; and Barbara, born April 13, 1921.

CHARLES SIMEON BROUILLET, D. D. S.—

Few men have given even to the work of their special choice the enthusiastic spirit and progressive effort which Dr. Brouillet, of Athol, Massachusetts, has devoted to his profession of dentistry. Not only has he built up for himself an extensive and lucrative practice, but he has done great things for the community in the way of encouraging general information regarding the essential character of intelligent care of the teeth. With offices at No. 386 Main Street, he cares for the needs of his large and constantly growing practice, and as the founder of the Gardner Dental Clinic, he is teaching the people, and especially the school children, the elemental rules of dental care. Dr. Brouillet is a son of Alexis and Domithild A. P. (Dupal) Brouillet, both natives of Canada, his father still living at the advanced age of eighty-seven years and residing with a daughter in Athol.

Charles Simeon Brouillet was born at Ely, Province of Quebec, Canada, February 14, 1884. The family removing to the United States when he was four years of age and settling in Athol, Massachusetts, it was in the public schools of this community that his education was begun. He later entered Dr. Singer's Academy, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, then took up his professional studies at the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1909 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. During his vacations, when in dental college, Dr. Brouillet was active in the office of Dr. C. E. Smith, of Athol, Massachusetts, and he remained with him for a short time after he was graduated. Late in the year 1909 he established his own office in Gardner, where he practiced for thirteen years. Meanwhile, his many friends in Athol, Massachusetts, were constantly urging him to return to this town, which had for so many years been his home. He eventually allowed himself to be persuaded and is now counted as one of the foremost professional men of this community. He has a very extensive dental practice and is widely famed as a maker of artificial teeth, which more closely resemble the natural ones than is ordinarily the case, and for this reason especially he is widely sought in a professional capacity. Dr. Brouillet was one of the first dentists in Massachusetts to open a dental clinic, and the Gardner institution has given him wide fame. He was largely responsible also for the recent establishment of a similar clinic in Athol. The movement which Dr. Brouillet started in this State was taken up by many Boards of Health in other towns of the State, and the clinics are principally conducted under State supervision.

Dr. Brouillet is a staunch Republican by political convictions, but his time is wholly occupied by his work, his home and family commanding his leisure. He has never permitted his name to be used in connection with a candidacy for any public office. During the World War Dr. Brouillet was a member of the Dentists' Preparedness League, and in this connection did much for the

work of the organization. Dr. Brouillet's leisure interest has always been motoring, and he was one of the first in Massachusetts to own an automobile. Before going to dental school he was employed for five years at the Grout Automobile Company, at Orange, Massachusetts, having charge of their Boston office, in 1903-1904. He represented the company at the St. Louis Exposition, and upon his return resumed his charge of the office until 1905. He is a member of the Psi Omega fraternity and the Poquaug Club, and his religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic church.

Dr. Brouillet was married, June 28, 1909, at Athol, Massachusetts, to Alice E. Harwood, of Athol, Massachusetts, daughter of Nellie M. (Gately) Harwood, of Athol, and they are the parents of six children: Jeanne E., born January 12, 1914, and is attending Highland School at Athol; Paul A., born March 18, 1916, also attending Highland School; Lucille E., born September 15, 1917; Norma A., born September 19, 1919; Raymond V., born July 19, 1921; and Rita Edna, born September 12, 1922.

WARREN S. BELLOWS, son of Dexter Chapin and Sarah Jane (Lyman) Bellows, since 1907 has been identified with the concern known as the Walden-Worcester, Incorporated, of which he is now manager and principal owner. Mr. Bellows was born in Chicopee, Massachusetts, April 13, 1868, and is a descendant of John Bellows, born in England, who came in the ship "Hopewell" in April, 1635, at the age of twelve years and settled in Concord. He removed to Marlborough and died there January 10, 1682. In all other lines Mr. Bellows is descended from the pioneers of New England.

When Mr. Bellows was quite young his parents removed to Hartford, Connecticut, and in the public schools of that city the greater part of his education was received. He became a public accountant by profession, and was employed by corporations in Boston and New York until he came to this city in 1907, after purchasing the Walden Manufacturing Company. The company engaged in a new field of production, manufacturing bent wire handle ratchet and socket wrenches, catering first to the automobile trade and gradually extending its market to other mechanical lines. Mr. Bellows is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and his clubs are the Rotary Club, the Automobile Club, and the Worcester Country Club. Politically he gives his support to the Republican party. He is a communicant of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Mr. Bellows married, in Toledo, Ohio, June 18, 1895, Edith Hubbard, who was born in Toledo, Ohio, daughter of Franklin and Sarah Rachael (Lyman) Hubbard. Her parents also were natives of Hampshire County, Massachusetts, and her ancestors were among the first settlers of Springfield and other towns of the Connecticut Valley. Mrs. Bellows is a member of the Woman's Club, the Memorial Charity Club, and various other church and social organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Bellows reside at No. 65 Beechmont Street. They have two sons, both of whom are graduates of the Worcester High School and are now associated in business with their father: 1. Lyman Hubbard, born June 22, 1896; married Dorothy Gilbert, daughter of James and Annis Gilbert, and has two children: Barbara and Lyman Hub-

bard, Jr. 2. Franklin Hubbard, born December 24, 1898; married, July 5, 1922, Florence Hedstrom, daughter of Carl and Anna Hedstrom, of Worcester.

ANTON F. BROCKELMAN, as president of the corporation conducting one of the most important mercantile enterprises in this section, is entitled to a place among the most substantial citizens of Clinton, Massachusetts. It was here that he was born April 8, 1869, and this community has been the scene of his activities throughout his career. Mr. Brockelman's parents were both natives of Germany, they being Bernard and Clara (Topmuller) Brockelman. His father followed the occupation of comb-maker as his life work. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in Company G, 25th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, and was a member of E. D. Baker Post, No. 64, Grand Army of the Republic, in Clinton.

After completing his education in the public schools here Mr. Brockelman entered the ranks of wage earners and for seven years was connected with the textile industry. At the end of that period, in company with his brother, he entered the grocery trade as an independent operator and has remained in this line of trade ever since. The business has been a prosperous one from the beginning, and several years ago a corporation was formed as Brockelman Brothers, Anton F. Brockelman becoming president of the organization, which official position he has retained ever since. The enterprise which the firm now conducts is rated as the largest grocery and market outside of the city of Worcester.

The growth and development of this community has always been a matter in which Mr. Brockelman has displayed keen interest, and he is one of the most valued members of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and an influential factor in its activities.

The marriage of Mr. Brockelman to Louise A. Eckstein, who was born in Germany, occurred in 1914, and they have a family of three children, their names being, in order of their ages, Clara M., Arthur J., and Curtis H. Brockelman. The family are devout communicants of the Roman Catholic church of this community.

EDWARD N. CLARK, holding large executive responsibilities as secretary and manager of the New England Corset Company, is a well-known figure in the industrial life of Worcester, Massachusetts, and both among his associates and the people generally he is highly esteemed as a business executive and as a citizen. A native of the State of Massachusetts, Mr. Clark is a son of Alden Clark, who was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, and is by occupation a bookkeeper. The mother, Louisa H. (Fairbanks) Clark, was born in Sudbury, Massachusetts, and they are esteemed residents of that section of the State.

Edward N. Clark was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, September 12, 1888. Receiving his early education in the public schools of Waltham, he also covered the high school course in his native city and later entered Norwich University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1909, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Mr. Clark's first business experience was in the employ of the Waltham Bleachery, after which he went to New York City, where he became identified with

the Kops Company, manufacturers of the Nemo corsets. Later returning to his native State, Mr. Clark became identified with the Maynard Corset Company of Worcester, where he continued for three years, then, in 1917, he became associated with the New England Corset Co., Inc. Active in the advance of this concern for two years in its old form, Mr. Clark then became a member of the company, upon its reorganization as the New England Corset Company, accepting the offices of secretary and manager. His work in this connection has had much to do with the splendid progress which the organization has since made, and Mr. Clark may well be counted among the leading executives of the city of Worcester. This concern manufactures all kinds of brassieres and bandeaux, and holds a leading position in the trade. The officers of the company are: O. L. Weingarten, president; I. R. Smith, treasurer; Edward N. Clark, secretary and manager. The plant covers a floor space of 30,000 square feet, and is fully equipped with the most modern machinery to turn out a thoroughly excellent and finely finished article. Mr. Clark, as one of the executives of this concern, is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and while he has leisure for few outside interests, he is well known in the Masonic order, being a member of Monitor Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Waltham; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Worcester. He is a member of the University Club.

Edward N. Clark married Eleanor D. Clement, who was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, and they have three children: Eleanor, Louisa, and Edward N., Jr.

SAMUEL D. PERRY—In the world of finance of Southbridge, Massachusetts, Samuel D. Perry holds a position of large responsibility and is numbered among the really prominent men in this part of Worcester County. Associated with the Southbridge National Bank since the completion of his education, Mr. Perry has risen in the organization to his present office of cashier, and is looked upon as one of the solid and substantial citizens of Southbridge. He is a son of Samuel S. Perry, who was born at Brookfield, Massachusetts, and was identified with the business interests of Southbridge for many years. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having taken up arms in defense of the Union during that struggle, and at all times bore a worthy part in civic and social advance. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and died in the year 1907. The mother, Mary J. (Marsh) Perry, was born at Burrellville, Rhode Island, and is also now deceased.

Samuel D. Perry was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, June 13, 1873. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following the high school course he entered the employ of the Southbridge National Bank in the capacity of clerk. Becoming affiliated with this institution in the year 1890, Mr. Perry has risen through the different grades of responsibility until he is now cashier of this bank, an office which he has efficiently filled for the past decade. During this period the bank has prospered largely, the deposits having grown from \$749,000 to \$2,700,000, at the present time. In his position he is one of the prominent executives of the financial world of Southbridge, and Mr. Perry enjoys the

esteem and confidence of the people whom he has always known and among whom he has always moved. Their interests are his interests, and the community affairs of his native place always receive his most cordial aid and encouragement. Mr. Perry has served as Auditor of the town of Southbridge for three years, and for some time has also been a member of the Board of Registrars, of which he is at present (1923) chairman, he is a trustee and a member of the board of investments of the Southbridge Savings Bank, and a member and past president of the National Bank Cashiers' Association of Massachusetts.

Fraternally Mr. Perry is affiliated with Quinebaug Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Doric Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a Past High Priest; Worcester Commandery, Knights Templar; also a member of the Knights of Pythias. For many years a member of the Southbridge Young Men's Christian Association, he has for the past twelve years been treasurer of this organization, and also serves on its board of directors. His clubs are the Southbridge, of which he is past president; and the Cohasset Country, his pleasure in outdoor activities being revealed in the latter connection. He is identified with the Congregational church and serves as clerk of the society.

CHARLES KIRK WILDER, one of the most progressive men of Petersham, Massachusetts, in recent generations, who, taking life as it seemed to be meted out to him, made of circumstances the stepping stone to large achievements, and in his success in agricultural activities contributed in a large degree to the advance of farming methods and operations in Petersham and vicinity. His life both as a man and as a citizen was irreproachable, filled with useful activities, and in his relations to the public welfare it was indeed well worth the honor of a permanent record. He was a son of Lysander and Anna (Farrar) Wilder, his father a farmer by occupation throughout his lifetime and a man of the highest integrity, who died in 1856.

Charles Kirk Wilder was born at Petersham, Massachusetts, August 6, 1841, and died January 18, 1923. He was born on the farm which was a part of the tract set off to Captain John Wilder, of Massachusetts, one of the original proprietors of Nichewaug. When six years old he removed with his parents to his maternal grandfather's farm, in the northern part of the town. As a young lad he attended the local primary schools, and for a time was a pupil at Petersham High School, then completed his studies at Brattleboro, Vermont. Upon finishing his studies he began farming the homestead, this not his choice of a career, but circumstances forced him to continue herein, for his father died when he was fifteen years of age, when the responsibility of keeping the home together fell upon his shoulders. As he became older he found the work of the farm of greater interest, and he purchased live stock and developed a modern farm, improving the stock to such excellence that he created an extensive demand in his vicinity. He was the first farmer in the town of Petersham to erect a windmill for pumping water for stock, also the first to build a silo and to use a cream separator. His taste for literature was like a golden thread running through the fabric of his life, and by this means he reached out

and accomplished much good. He occasionally wrote articles for agricultural periodicals, both on technical and general topics. He was deeply interested in civic improvement, and the first step in the movement which resulted in the organization of the Petersham library was accomplished by him in beginning the collections of books for a district school library at School No. 2, and in one of these books the poem, "The Old Bell," by Mr. Wilder, was published. He was deeply interested in history and in everything that pertained to the preservation of the records of Colonial and the early life of the Republic. He planted the two elm trees which still stand in front of the Congregational church in the year 1880.

In politics he was a Republican. He served for one term as Selectman of Petersham. His first Presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln's reelection, and he voted for every Republican candidate for President down to President Harding, also voted at every State election since 1864 except one, and that he missed by five minutes, having been unavoidably delayed. Mr. Wilder was a devoted member of the Congregational church, of which he was librarian and Sunday school superintendent for many years. He also served the society as clerk and as trustee of funds, filling the latter office longer than the combined term of any four previous officials.

Charles Kirk Wilder married, in 1869, Mary S. Mann, who was born at Petersham, Massachusetts, a daughter of William and Abigail (Cook) Mann, and they were the parents of the following children: 1. George Kirk, born at Petersham, November 30, 1871, now living at the old homestead. In 1905 he married Adelaide M. Hodsdon, of North Yarmouth, Maine, they are the parents of three children: Charlotte S., born in 1906; George Everett, born in 1909; and Gertrude L., born in 1910. 2. William Sumner, born in 1876. He married, in 1908, Alice E. Pittsley, of West Bridgewater, Massachusetts. 3. Charles Frederick, born in 1878 and died in 1880. 4. Francis Everett, born in 1884. He married (first), in 1910, Gladys E. Merry, of Kingston, Massachusetts; he married (second) Marion Chandler of Marshfield, Massachusetts. Children: Edith Sanderson and Everyn Frances. Mary S. (Mann) Wilder died April 11, 1918. Charles Kirk Wilder married (second), in 1920, Maude Nelson Kenney.

ALFRED A. WHEELER, M. D.—A member of a family that has been prominently identified with Worcester County since the first Wheeler settled at Concord, Massachusetts, in 1638, Dr. Wheeler has had a long and distinguished career as a physician. He was born at Claremont, New Hampshire, August 20, 1870, son of Dr. Charles A. and Christine Nancy (Hersey) Wheeler. His father was assistant surgeon of the 12th Massachusetts Infantry in the Civil War for three years. Dr. Wheeler's parents were residents of Worcester, but moved to Leominster before he became of school age, and he has ever since been a resident of Leominster, except for a period of twelve years spent in the practice of his profession at Boston. His grandfather, Augustus Wheeler, was born at Fitchburg about 1802.

Dr. Wheeler received his preparatory education in the public schools of Leominster. After his graduation



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from the Leominster High School, he proceeded to Harvard University for a preparatory course. He had by this time decided to enter the medical profession, and accordingly proceeded to the Harvard Medical School for his professional training. He spent two years in study at Harvard, and during the second year served as an interne at the Massachusetts General Hospital, where he acquired practical as well as theoretical training. He was graduated from the Harvard Medical School in June, 1894, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and was duly licensed to practice medicine.

Dr. Wheeler decided to establish himself in practice at Boston, and taking advantage of an excellent opportunity, opened an office there immediately after his graduation. He did not confine his practice to medical cases, but gave a great deal of time to the practice of surgery, for which he was particularly well fitted, and which appealed to him strongly. He met with remarkable success and continued to practice at Boston until 1906, when a desire to return to his old home finally led him to give up his office and move to Leominster.

Dr. Wheeler has been no less successful at Leominster than he was at Boston, and he is now one of the leading physicians and surgeons in the county. He is senior surgeon on the Leominster Hospital staff, and his private practice is very extensive. During the World War Dr. Wheeler served the United States Government as medical examiner on the Draft Board at Leominster. He is a member of the American Medical Association and belongs to the Massachusetts Medical Society.

In religious faith Dr. Wheeler is a member of the Unitarian church. He is a Mason, and holds membership in Wilder Lodge of that order at Leominster, of which he is Senior Warden. He is an active member of the Improved Order of Red Men, of which he is Past Sachem, and takes a great interest in all the activities of this organization.

On January 26, 1910, Dr. Wheeler married, at Leominster, Abby Dorothy Cook, daughter of Franklin D. and Eva I. (Coburn) Cook, of Vermont. Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler have four children; Charles Augustus, who was born December 13, 1910; Alfred Augustus, who was born April 15, 1912; Janet, who was born July 18, 1914; and Mary, who was born June 7, 1917.

HAROLD E. MOUNTAIN—Educated in the institutions of Worcester County, Massachusetts, his business training gained in the local houses, Mr. Mountain, who served his country during the recent World War, is now an active merchant of Gardner, being the head of Mountain's Apparel Shop. Mr. Mountain is a son of William J. Mountain, who was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, and was in business here from 1893 until his death, which occurred in 1914. William J. Mountain was a man of broad sympathies and progressive spirit, who gave to the community and its affairs the constructive and loyal endeavors of a devoted citizen. William J. Mountain married Julia O'Connell, also a native of Gardner, who still survives him, residing in Gardner. The old Mountain home on Pleasant Street, owned at one time by the grandfather, William Mountain, is still standing.

Harold E. Mountain was born at Gardner, September

29, 1893, and his education was begun in the public schools of the community. He was graduated from the Gardner High School in the class of 1911, then, later, was graduated from the Holy Cross College, at Worcester, in the class of 1915, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Immediately thereafter, Mr. Mountain became affiliated as a partner in the men's furnishing business with Prime Robichaud, his father's former partner, under the firm name of Robichaud & Mountain. The same year saw the erection of the Robichaud & Mountain Building, one of the handsomest modern office blocks of Gardner, in which the business of the firm is now carried forward. The building is owned by a partnership consisting of Prime Robichaud, Harold E. Mountain, and a brother, John A. Mountain. On the opening of the new store in 1916 a women's department was added, including every need in the way of feminine apparel ready to wear, which has superseded the department of men's clothing, and the store is now solely a woman's store. The men's business is now carried on by the brother, John A. Mountain, at another location on Parker Street.

In September, 1917, Harold E. Mountain enlisted for service in the World War and was assigned to the Depot Brigade, being stationed at Camp Devens. In the following January he was transferred to the Officers' Training Camp at Camp Devens for a four-month course, and in July, 1918, was commissioned second lieutenant at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia. Thence he was sent to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia, where he was later assigned to the Officers' Training School in the capacity of instructor. He was subsequently made assistant to the senior instructor, in which official position he served until the time of his discharge, in December, 1918. Returning to civilian life, Mr. Mountain has devoted his entire attention to his own business interests since. In January, 1919, Mr. Mountain purchased the interest of his partner and became sole proprietor of the business. Mr. Mountain is a member and treasurer of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, a trustee in the Gardner Savings Bank, and is counted one of the progressive and aggressive young business men of this community. He devotes much of his time and attention to the general progress, bearing a share in all movements for the public welfare. He is a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of the Knights of Columbus; Ancient Order of Hibernians; and the Foresters of America; and belongs to Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Mountain married, in September, 1919, Marion K. McNamara, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and they have one child, Harold E., Jr., born August 15, 1922.

CARL H. HEDSTROM—In the leading industry in the city of Gardner, Massachusetts, Mr. Hedstrom is holding a prominent position as an executive in several different manufacturing concerns. His principal interest is that of treasurer of the Gem Crib & Cradle Company, manufacturers of wheeled bassinets and other furniture of various kinds for the nursery, and he is also president of the Hedstrom Union Company, manufacturers of baby carriages and baby carriage hardware. These two concerns are among the leaders in chair and baby carriage productions in Gardner. Mr. Hedstrom

is a native of Sweden, and a son of Carl and Gustafa (Stongberg) Hedstrom, both natives of Stjernerunds Bruk, Sweden, and still living there (1923). Carl Hedstrom, the elder, was for many years employed in the steel mills in Stjernerund, but is now living retired.

Carl H. Hedstrom was born in Sweden, August 26, 1881, and received his education in the public schools of his native land. Upon its completion he apprenticed himself to the machinist's trade, but before his apprenticeship was completed he came to the United States, arriving on this side March 30, 1902, and landing in New York City. Coming immediately to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, he worked a year in the employ of the Iver-Johnson Arms and Cycle Company. After a year spent with this concern, Mr. Hedstrom associated himself with Baxter D. Whitney & Son, of Winchendon, Massachusetts, manufacturers of wood-working machinery. There he was employed for about two years, and through his activities in that plant became interested in the progress of the Chair Town and its many wood-working plants. He came to Gardner and entered the employ of the Gardner Machine Works, remaining for about two years, after which he became identified with the Simplex Time Recorder Company. With this concern he was associated for about five years, at the end of which time he resigned to affiliate himself with the present interests. In association with Fred Richardson, Wilford J. Shuffleton, and Frank M. Favor, he organized the Gem Crib and Cradle Company, which at the beginning was a partnership. Later, the business was incorporated, Mr. Hedstrom becoming a member of the board of directors and treasurer of the concern. This company now occupies about 44,000 square feet of floor space and employs fully one hundred and forty people, and in the comparatively short time since its organization, twelve years, it has attained a foremost position in its field in this city. Mr. Hedstrom is leading the Hedstrom Union Company, of which he is president, to large and constantly growing success. This concern holds practically equal importance with the Gem Crib and Cradle Company. Mr. Hedstrom is a director also in the Chair Town Manufacturing Company and several other smaller concerns, and is a director in the Gardner Trust Company. He is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and well known fraternally, holding membership in Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is identified with the Swedish Lutheran Church.

Mr. Hedstrom married, in 1905, Anna Nelson, also a native of Sweden, who had then been in this country for only four years, residing first in Hartford, Connecticut, and later, in 1904, moving to Gardner. They are the parents of two children: Carl W., a student at Lawrence Academy, at Groton, Massachusetts; and Oscar, now in his sophomore year in Gardner High School. Despite his many business interests and other responsibilities Mr. Hedstrom finds time for his favorite recreations, which are touring and traveling. He has toured Europe twice, spending some time in England, Sweden, and Germany.

E. GUSTAF HEDSTROM, since 1915 has served as vice-president of the Hedstrom Union Company of Gardner, Massachusetts, of which he was one of the organizers. The concern is engaged in the manufacture of baby carriages and baby carriage hardware, and is one of the progressive and successful manufacturing enterprises of the county.

E. Gustaf Hedstrom is a native of Sweden, where he was born, in Stjernerunds Bruk, September 23, 1883, and where he received the greater part of his education. He is a son of Carl and Gustafa (Stongberg) Hedstrom (q. v.)

In 1903, when he was twenty years of age, Mr. Hedstrom came to this country and settled in Massachusetts, first in Fitchburg and later in Gardner. His first position in the new land to which he had come to make a career for himself was with the Iver-Johnson Company of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and though the working days were longer then than they are now and the pay much smaller, he at once took advantage of the opportunities offered in the evening schools of the city. When his day's work was done he gave long hours to the study of the English language and of those subjects which would help him to become familiar with the history and customs of the people among whom he had come to live, and which would help him to win success in his business career. When he later secured a position with the Heywood Brothers of Gardner he continued his studies in the evening schools of the latter city, and it is to the firm foundations laid during those hours of close and intelligent study that Mr. Hedstrom attributes much of his rapid rise in the business world. The schools were not the only source of inspiration and information for him, however. All about him and his daily work he found much to learn. Industry, thrift, and ambition were his in ample measure, and as is true of all our business men who have built their own careers, he always managed to spend less than he earned. Though but a very young man, he understood clearly that fundamental principle of business success, and he was wise enough and strong enough to hold himself steadily to that plan of financial management, even when his earnings were very small. After remaining with the Heywood Brothers for some time and gaining valuable experience, he made a change and secured a position as foreman with the Collier & Keyworth Company of Gardner, with whom he remained until he engaged in business for himself. In 1915, twelve years after his arrival in this country, he became one of the organizers of the concern of which he is now vice-president. In association with his brothers, Carl and Knute W., who had come to this country about six years after his own arrival, he formed a partnership with W. L. Beaman and W. J. Shuffleton and engaged in the manufacture of baby carriages and baby carriage hardware under the name of the Hedstrom Company. The enterprise was successful from the beginning, and later it became advantageous to merge the interests of the concern with those of the Union Manufacturing Company, which was engaged in the same line of production. This was done, under the firm name of the Hedstrom Union Company, the joint interests of the two original companies having greatly prospered. As vice-president of



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the company Mr. Hedstrom is rendering valuable service to the group, and is making for himself a successful business career. He is one of the active members of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and from the time of his coming to Gardner has taken a deep and sincere interest in the public welfare of the city. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Good Templars, and his religious affiliation is with the Swedish Methodist church of Gardner, and he serves on the official board.

Mr. Hedstrom married (first) Pauline Simonson, who was born in Gardner. To this first marriage one daughter was born, Eileen A. He married (second) Ellen V. Holmander, of Sweden. To the second marriage one son was born, Robert A., born June 6, 1917.

KNUTE W. HEDSTROM—One of the successful manufacturers of Worcester County, Massachusetts, is Knute W. Hedstrom, treasurer of the Hedstrom Union Company of Gardner, Massachusetts, which concern is engaged in the manufacture of baby carriages and baby carriage hardware, a description of which is given at length in the preceding sketch of Mr. Hedstrom's brother, E. Gustaf Hedstrom.

Knute W. Hedstrom was born in Stjernerunds Bruk, Sweden, December 20, 1889, son of Carl and Gustafa (Stongberg) Hedstrom (q. v.). He received a good practical education in the public schools of his native town, and in 1909, when he was twenty years of age, he came to this country, where he supplemented the educational advantages he had received in his native land with diligent study in the evening schools of Gardner, Massachusetts. He found his first employment with the Collier & Keyworth Company of Gardner, but after maintaining that connection for a time, he made a change and removed to Winchendon, Massachusetts, where he entered the employ of Baxter & Whittier. His next position was secured in the Worcester Machine Shops of Worcester, Massachusetts, where he remained until 1915, when, in association with his brothers, Carl and E. Gustaf Hedstrom, W. L. Beaman, and W. J. Shuffleton he engaged in the manufacture of baby carriages and baby carriage hardware. Mr. Hedstrom is well known and highly esteemed among a very large group of friends and business associates. He is a member of Lodge No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Order of Good Templars. He is also one of the active members of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce.

Knute W. Hedstrom married, on June 30, 1914, Elfreda Lundberg, of Forsback, Sweden, daughter of John and Matilda (Kallberg) Lundberg, and they are the parents of two sons: Herbert W. and Kenneth L.

FRANCIS DENBROEDER HART, M. D.—The medical profession is represented in Worcester County, Massachusetts, by a group of forward-looking men, who are giving constant attention to the progress of the science and its application in the advancement of the welfare of the people. In this group Francis D. Hart, physician and surgeon, is a broadly representative figure, and as one of the younger men in the profession he undoubtedly has many years of large usefulness before him. Dr. Hart is a native of this State, and a member of an old New Hampshire family. He is a son of Cisco W. Hart, who was born at Milton, New Hamp-

shire, and has for many years been engaged in the shoe business in Brockton, Massachusetts, now being counted among the successful men of the day in that city. The mother, Annie May (Denbroeder) Hart, was born in East Weymouth, Massachusetts, and is also still living.

Francis Denbroeder Hart was born in East Weymouth, Massachusetts, September 9, 1892. The family removing to Brockton in his childhood, it was in the public schools of that city that he received his early education. His choice of a profession was early made, and entering Tufts College, he was graduated from the medical department of that institution in the class of 1915 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For one year following his graduation Dr. Hart acted as interne at the Long Island Hospital in Boston, then came to Worcester and spent one and one-half years at the Worcester City Hospital as house physician and surgeon. With this unusually comprehensive institutional experience Dr. Hart took up the practice of his chosen profession in the city of Worcester, opening his offices at No. 22 Pleasant Street, where he is still located. He has won the confidence and esteem of the people, and now holds an assured position in the profession, also bearing a constructive part in various lines of social and benevolent activity. He is visiting anæsthetist to the Worcester City Hospital, and has charge of the obstetric service there three months in the year. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and the Worcester South District Medical Society, and during the World War served in the capacity of associate medical examiner for the county of Worcester. He is a member of Montacute Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Phi Chi medical fraternity. A member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, he takes a deep interest in all civic advance as well as in the broader affairs of the State and Nation, although thus far he has never accepted public responsibility except along the line of his professional activity. His clubs are the Economic and the Shrewsbury, and he attends the Episcopal church.

Dr. Hart married, on August 31, 1918, Marion Elizabeth Nicholson, who was born in Leominster Massachusetts, daughter of Joseph Nicholson, and they are the parents of one son, Francis Denbroeder, Jr., who was born July 21, 1920. The family residence is at No. 51 Midland Street, Worcester.

DAVID R. COLLIER—Son of a noted educator of a generation now gone by, David R. Collier, of Gardner, Massachusetts, is descended from Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, George Collier, was born in Scotland, and came to the United States as a young man in 1812, becoming a prosperous farmer of Chautauqua County, New York. He was a relative of the Howe family of industrial fame, and married into the Putnam family, members of which are celebrated throughout New England.

George H. Collier, son of George Collier, and father of David R. Collier, was born in Western New York State, and was educated at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1855 with the degree of Bachelor of Law. He taught mathematics

at Oberlin and Wheaton Colleges, later going to Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, as professor of the same branch, and in 1867 he went to the Pacific Coast to accept the chair of mathematics and physics at the Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. Nine years later he accepted a similar position at Willamette, Salem, Oregon, and for about two years he left his family there to return to Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, after which he went again to the coast and held the chair of physics at the Oregon State University, at Eugene, Oregon. He was connected with this institution until his retirement in 1896, and he died in Eugene in 1914. He married Sybil A. Smith, who was born at Augusta, Maine, and was also educated at Oberlin College. She taught in the schools of Dedham and Mansfield, Massachusetts, prior to her marriage.

David R. Collier, son of George H. and Sybil A. (Smith) Collier, was born at Forest Grove, Oregon, May 18, 1869. His education comprised the usual elementary and preparatory courses and a course at the State University of Oregon, after which he entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute at Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in the class of 1890 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. This class numbered many young men who have since attained large importance in the industries and professions in public life. Mr. Collier's first business experience was in Holyoke, Massachusetts, as an employee of the Deane Steam Pump Company, as a member of the engineering force. Coming to Gardner in 1890, he associated himself with the concern which is now known as the Heywood-Wakefield Company, where he was active in the engineering department for a time. Later he was transferred to the hardware department of the same concern, and in this connection rose to the position of chief of this department. In 1906 Mr. Collier severed his connection with the firm to engage in business for himself in co-partnership with George A. Keyworth (see sketch following). They founded the interest now known as the Collier-Keyworth Company, beginning with the manufacture of children's carriages, go-carts, etc., also carriage gears and office chair irons. This business they have developed to the point where it is one of the leading industrial concerns of Worcester County. It was incorporated at the time of its founding, Mr. Collier becoming president, in which office he has continued until the present time. Under his leadership the organization has held a foremost place among the industries of this section. In recent years he has delegated many responsibilities to Mr. Keyworth and his other associates, giving his own attention largely to the engineering department of the plant. Mr. Collier is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and has further business affiliations, being a director of the Gardner Savings Bank and a member of its investment board, also being a stockholder in a number of the leading industrial enterprises of this city.

Interested and broadly active in all civic affairs, Mr. Collier supports the Republican party in issues of both local and national import. He has for several years been a member of the Gardner Republican City Committee, and was a member of the State Convention for the revision of the constitution of the State. Fraternally he is identified with Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benev-

olent and Protective Order of Elks, and his clubs are: The Oak Hill, Worcester, and Nashua Country, and the Gardner Boat Club, these affiliations revealing his delight in outdoor recreations. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Gardner.

Mr. Collier married, in 1898, Mary E. Richardson, of Gardner, daughter of Charles F. Richardson, who was identified with the early developments of manufacturing interests in Gardner as a member of the firm of Jaquith & Richardson, also was active in the insurance business, and a bank director. He is still living, although retired from active business interests, and for many years has been counted as one of the foremost citizens of Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Collier are the parents of four children, of whom two are now living: Elsie, a junior in high school; and Ruth, a freshman in high school.

GEORGE ALBERT KEYWORTH—In the manufacture of folding go-carts, baby carriage hardware, and office chair irons, George Albert Keyworth holds a prominent position in Gardner, Massachusetts, as treasurer of the Collier-Keyworth Company, this concern being leaders in this field in the United States. A capable executive, with long experience, Mr. Keyworth is counted among the largely successful men of the day in Gardner. He is also treasurer of the American Fibre Corporation of Gardner, Massachusetts, and has various interests outside his work in the fraternal, benevolent, and civic affairs of the community. He is a son of Joseph G. and Eliza A. (Evens) Keyworth, both natives of England, who came to the United States in their youth and were married at Fort Ann, New York, where they resided for some ten years afterwards. They then removed to a farm at Argyle, New York, where the mother died at the age of thirty-six years. The father married (second) Mrs. Harriett Corlew, and spent his declining years at Argyle passing away at the age of seventy-two years. Joseph G. and Eliza A. (Evens) Keyworth were the parents of six sons, all now living (1923): William H., a farmer at Argyle; Herbert J., a farmer at Fort Edward, New York; Joseph D., active in the insurance business at Hudson Falls, New York; George A., of further mention; Milo S., of Gardner; and Jarvis L., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead at Argyle. There were no children by the second marriage.

George A. Keyworth was born at Fort Ann, New York, April 26, 1874. His education was acquired in the public and high schools at Hudson Falls, New York, and at the age of sixteen years he entered the world of industry, thereafter making his own way in life. He was first employed as a coachman and utility boy for a wealthy resident of Hudson Falls, Richard C. Teft, with whom he remained for two years. He then secured a position in the lumber yards of the Griffin Lumber Company at Hudson Falls, where he was employed for about three years as a salesman. He then went to Albany, New York, and entered the employ of John Davis, as superintendent of a planing mill, serving in that capacity for about one year. Coming to Gardner in 1896, Mr. Keyworth entered the employ of Heywood Brothers & Company, in which connection he was assigned to the lumber purchasing department. Mr. Keyworth's earlier experience had prepared him for large



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usefulness in a position of this nature, and he remained with the Heywood interests for about ten years. In 1906 he resigned from this position to participate in the organization of the Collier-Keyworth Company, which was incorporated in June of that year, with David R. Collier (see preceding sketch) as president, and Mr. Keyworth as secretary and treasurer. They began operations on a very small scale in the old factory of L. G. McKnight, on Main Street, which at that time was owned by the Gardner Home for Elderly People. The business prospered from the very start, and in 1912 the firm erected their present commodious factory, which contains about 80,000 square feet of floor space. They moved their equipment in July, 1912, and with the added space and the new machinery which was installed at that time the impetus to the business was distinctly felt, not only within the organization, but it was evident to the trade. They have now developed a very important business and ship their product to all parts of the world. Mr. Keyworth has the distinction of being a member of the first City Council of Gardner, which convened on the date when Gardner became a city, January 1, 1923.

Politically, Mr. Keyworth supports the Republican party, and in all lines of public advance bears a constructive part. He has served as chairman of the Gardner Chapter of the Red Cross since 1917, and during the World War was very active on the food production committee and all the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. Fraternally he is identified with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; also Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs are: The Gardner Boat, the Oak Hill Country, and the Worcester Country Club. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Gardner, which he serves as chairman of the music committee, and is a leader in all the social and benevolent activities of the church.

Mr. Keyworth married, on December 21, 1897, Sarah Elida Dewey, of Middlebury, Vermont, and they have four children: Edward C., a student at Brown University; George Albert, Jr., who died at the age of four years; Robert Allen, still in grammar school (1923); and Elizabeth.

WALTER H. BAKER, one of the enterprising and successful business men of Worcester County, Massachusetts, is senior partner of the firm of Bassett & Baker, which concern is engaged in the wholesale and retail bakery business. The enterprise was established soon after the close of the Civil War by Hamilton P. Bassett, now deceased, and since 1891 has been conducted by Bassett & Baker.

Mr. Baker was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 27, 1868, son of Nathan S. Baker, a native of Wells, Maine, who was engaged in the furniture business up to the time of his death, and of Sarah J. (Swett) Baker, who was also a native of Wells, Maine, and who died in 1892.

Mr. Baker received his education in the public schools of Clayton, Indiana, to which place the family moved when he was an infant, and the high school of Leominster, Massachusetts, and when school days were over learned the grocery business, which he followed in

Leominster for ten years. At the end of that time he decided to make a change, and found employment in a bakery in Leominster. He later became associated with H. P. Bassett in the concern now known as that of Bassett & Baker, wholesale and retail bakers. In 1891 he purchased the entire business from Mr. Bassett, and for one year conducted the business alone. In 1892, however, H. P. Bassett repurchased his interests in the establishment, and from that time until the death of Mr. Bassett the partnership was continued. Upon the death of the latter, in 1918, his son, Albert A. Bassett, became a member of the firm, and the name Bassett & Baker was retained. Under that name Mr. Bassett and Mr. Baker have built up a steadily expanding trade. When the elder Mr. Bassett founded the business in 1868 the baking was done in one small brick oven, and everything was made by hand. From that small beginning the modern, well-equipped bakery known as Bassett & Baker, has developed. Modern machinery and labor saving devices take care of the greater part of the various processes involved in the making of high-grade bread, pies, cakes, etc., and the greatest care is taken to have everything handled in the most sanitary manner possible. The firm uses only the best flour, made from hard, spring wheat, and this is stored on the top floor, where it gets plenty of pure air and sunshine. Machinery carries the flour into a large sifter, which cleans and lightens it and prepares it for the three-barrel bread mixer. When the dough is ready to mould it is placed in pans, which are put on sanitary wire racks. The racks are then run into a metal-lined steam room to raise. When the bread is ready to bake the racks are rolled to the oven, and in a few minutes the oven is filled with three hundred loaves. While baking, live steam is forced into the oven and this process produces a delicious brown, thin crust. The bread is then put on cooling racks and when properly cooled is wrapped in germ-proof waxed paper. Thus Hamilton P. Bassett's modest bakery of 1868 has become the modern establishment of 1923. The firm sells both at wholesale and retail, and specializes in "Aunt Mary's Milk Bread" and in "Peerless Brown Crust Bread." It has also made a reputation for delicious and wholesome pastry, and its English Fruit Cake, Old-Fashioned Election Cake, and Sunshine Cake are widely known. Mr. Baker is a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 100, Knights of Pythias; and of the Monoosnock Club, Royal Arcanum, and the Leominster Club. He is also a member of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce and a member and director of the New England Master Bakers' Association.

Walter H. Baker married, on January 24, 1898, Bertha M. Freeman, who was born in Marlow, New Hampshire, and died March 23, 1918, daughter of Grandville and Ella (Howard) Freeman. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are the parents of two sons: Ralph Greenleaf, who served during the World War with the Dartmouth College Officers' Reserve Corps; and Harland F., who is a student in Dartmouth College.

ELMER R. DANIELS—The name of Elmer R. Daniels has won wide recognition in the State of Massachusetts in the theatrical business. Mr. Daniels began life in another field of business endeavor, but later

entered his present activity and has found in the world of amusements a worthy scope for his ability. Broadly appreciative of the educational value of good amusements, and endowed with the artistic sense which counts for so much in discriminating between the indifferent and the really worth-while productions, Mr. Daniels is especially well fitted for his work, and as secretary and manager of the Olympia Theatre of Worcester, he is carrying that house forward to ever greater success. He is a son of Mahlon Daniels, who was born in the State of Massachusetts, and was active as a farmer until his death, which occurred in 1894. The mother, Mary J. (Campbell) Daniels, was born at St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, and still survives him.

Elmer R. Daniels was born at East Blackstone, Massachusetts, March 14, 1882. His education was received in the public and high schools of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and as a young man he became identified with the meat business in that city, in which he was engaged for a period of fifteen years. Then believing that his ability warranted his venture into some line of activity permitting wider scope of interest, Mr. Daniels entered the theatrical business, making his start at Central Falls, Rhode Island. Remaining there for only a short time, however, he then went to Lynn, Massachusetts, where he managed the Dreamland Theatre for six years with marked success. In 1918 Mr. Daniels came to the city of Worcester to take over the management of the Royal Theatre, but one year later formed his present association. At that time, with Charles H. Hodgdon, Ernest H. Horstman, and Frank J. Howard, he founded the Olympia Theatre of Worcester, Mr. Daniels acting as secretary and manager of the company. The success of the Olympia is a matter of history, and here the public finds the best amusements obtainable. The people of Worcester have come to depend upon this playhouse, knowing that here they can find satisfying relaxation and artistic productions.

Mr. Daniels is a member of the Masonic order, being affiliated with all the Scottish Rite bodies up to and including the thirty-second degree, and also is a member of Aleppo Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Masonic and Kiwanis clubs. He attends the Congregational church. Elmer R. Daniels married, in 1903, Sadie May Lawson, who was born at St. John, New Brunswick, and they are the parents of two sons: Lawson Raymond and Elmer Scott.

WILLIAM C. LUNAN, D. M. D.—A leading figure in professional circles in Southbridge, Massachusetts, is Dr. William C. Lunan, whose position as a largely successful dentist places him among the really significant men of the day in this community. Dr. Lunan is a leader in all that makes for local advance, and gives a great deal of his time to various branches of civic and uplift endeavor. He is a son of William Lunan, who was born at Arbroath, Scotland, and was active as a flax dresser in the linen industry until his death, which occurred in Andover, Massachusetts, in 1906. The mother, Isabell (Cable) Lunan, was born at Milgetlan, Scotland, and died in the year 1893, at Andover, Massachusetts.

William C. Lunan was born at Arbroath, Scotland, April 1, 1875. His education was acquired in American institutions, the family having come to this country in his childhood. Attending first the public schools of Andover, Massachusetts, he later entered Harvard University Dental College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1897. Within the year Dr. Lunan settled in Southbridge and took up the practice of his chosen profession, with offices on Main Street, and has now for more than one-quarter of a century been active along this line, and has attained a very high position in his profession. Always a student he has kept in close touch with the advance of dental science, and is always equipped with the latest and most improved devices for facilitating or improving his work. Dr. Lunan is one of the foremost figures in the Southbridge Dental Association, which he has served for many years as treasurer, and he has for some years been active as chairman of the Southbridge Dental Clinic, doing much in this connection for popular education along professional lines. He is a member of the Harvard Dental Alumni Association. The community affairs of Southbridge have always held the strongest appeal to Dr. Lunan, and while he has never cared to accept political honors, he has given his most cordial support to every movement which has for its object the improvement of conditions of any phase of community interest. He has served for some years on the Town Finance Committee and is also chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners. His affiliation with the world of finance is more than a matter of professional interest, for he has done much to encourage thrift and foresight, especially among the children and young people of his acquaintance. He is vice-president of the People's National Bank, also a director. Fraternally Dr. Lunan is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, with all the York Rite bodies of the Masonic order, including the commandery; is Past High Priest of Doric Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and for the past ten years has served as treasurer of that chapter. He is now president of the Masonic Building Association and is doing much to forward the plans of this body. He is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Southbridge Club. One of Dr. Lunan's chief leisure interests is literature, and he was the founder of the Southbridge Burns' Club. He attends the Congregational church.

Dr. Lunan married, in 1899, Gretchen M. Bigelow, who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of three children: Marian M., a graduate of Wellesley College, class of 1921, a teacher of French and Latin in the high school at Portland, Connecticut; Augustus H., educated at Harvard University; and Elizabeth C., who died December 24, 1909.

JOHN YULE, of Leominster, Massachusetts, since 1901, has been proprietor of the granite and marble concern which is now known as the Leominster Granite and Marble Works. Mr. Yule is of Scotch birth, and for the needs of its large, high-grade monumental business the firm imports Scotch and Swedish granites. The works are located at No. 203 Main Street, Leominster.

Mr. Yule was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, November 18, 1869, son of John Yule, who was engaged in business as a shoemaker to the time of his death in



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1913, and of Catherine (Simpson) Yule, who died in 1871. Mr. Yule received a good, practical education in the public schools of his native district in Scotland, and then, after beginning work, continued his studies in the evening school, taking up architectural and mechanical drawing. He served an apprenticeship of four years in the monumental business, and then in April, 1889, came to the United States. He settled in Quincy, Massachusetts, where he secured a position with the Mitchell Granite Company, with whom he remained for a period of two years. He then accepted a position as finisher for MacDonald & Cook, of Quincy, with whom he remained for a time, and then, at this period, worked in the employ of several monumental firms of Quincy. In 1895 he went to Rochester, New York, where he remained for about four months. He then removed to Baltimore, Maryland, where he was identified with a monumental concern for a time, but soon made another change, removing to Richmond, Virginia, and to Petersburg, Virginia, remaining in the latter place for one year as finisher for a marble and granite establishment. In 1901 he found employment again in Quincy, Massachusetts, and later went to Milford, New Hampshire, where he became one of the owners of the Souhegan Quarry. On March 10, 1901, Mr. Yule removed to Leominster and established a business of his own, beginning in a small way as a manufacturer of monuments. During the more than twenty years which have passed since that time his business has steadily grown and prospered. To the ordinary work of the monumental business he has added an extensive importing business, bringing the marbles from Scotland and from Sweden, and from this material furnishing some of the best monuments which have been erected in Worcester County. He is widely known in the county and even outside the township limits for the excellent quality of his work and for the very superior material which he puts into his monumental works. Politically, Mr. Yule gives his support to the Republican party. He is a member of Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and of Wachusett Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men; and his religious affiliation is with the Congregational church of Leominster.

John Yule married, on November 16, 1915, at Leominster, Rena Bella Conant, daughter of George and Margaret (O'Fall) Conant. Mr. and Mrs. Yule are the parents of two children: George William, who was born May 10, 1917; and Ruth Louise, who was born January 9, 1920.

ROBERT E. DIXON—A prominent name in the State of Massachusetts for generations is that of Dixon, and Robert E. Dixon is one of the leading merchants of Worcester. He stands at the head of the long established and important paint and varnish store at No. 222 Front Street. Mr. Dixon is an able business executive, alert to the general progress as well as to his individual interest. Keeping in touch with local commercial advance and also with State and national affairs, he is counted among the broadly progressive men of the day in Worcester.

George S. Dixon, Mr. Dixon's grandfather, was born in Thorndyke, Massachusetts, and became a prominent business man of Worcester. As a young man he en-

listed for service with the Union Army in the Civil War, and he later became the founder of the concern of which Robert E. Dixon is now the head. Rufus S. Dixon, his son, and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Enfield, Massachusetts, and was active in the paint business until his death, which occurred in 1917. He married Cora I. Bemis, who was born in Spencer, Massachusetts, and is still living, being a resident of Worcester.

Robert E. Dixon was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, March 20, 1879. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he completed his studies at the Worcester Academy. As a young man he became associated with his father in the paint business of which his grandfather was the founder, and has since been active in this connection. This is one of the oldest establishments in its field in the city of Worcester, having been started in the early eighties. For many years it was located in the Warren Block, but a number of years ago was removed to the present address on Front Street, in order to secure space for the necessary expansion. From its inception the enterprise has held a leading place in its field, the three generations of the Dixon family all having been endowed with practical business ability. With the passing of the founder, Rufus S. Dixon took over the management of the business and ably discharged his responsibilities until his death. In 1917, shortly after the death of Rufus S. Dixon, the concern was incorporated, and has since been known as the George S. Dixon Company, Inc. The personnel of the company is as follows: Robert E. Dixon, president; Cora I. Dixon, treasurer, and Ruby E. Dixon, secretary. As the active manager of this concern, Robert E. Dixon is constantly developing the business and increasing its scope. They handle a general wholesale and retail paint business, also carrying a complete line of painters' supplies. Mr. Dixon is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, but outside of his business has few interests. He attends the Congregational church.

Robert E. Dixon married, in 1910, Ada Cole, who was born in Worcester.

CHARLES THOMAS FLYNN, A. B., LL. B.—In the city of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, the profession of the law is represented by a group of high-minded, forward-looking men, whose contribution to the general progress is a matter of broad significance. In this group Charles Thomas Flynn is a significant figure, for in addition to his private practice he has for a full decade been a leading figure in the public service of the city, and his fraternal affiliations are very extensive. A native of this city, he is a son of Joseph C. and Margaret E. Flynn, for many years esteemed residents of Fitchburg.

Charles Thomas Flynn was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, October 6, 1886. His early education was acquired at St. Bernard's Parochial School, from which he was graduated in 1900, and after two years at the Fitchburg High School he completed the course at the Cathedral High School in Springfield, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1904. Then entering Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, Mr. Flynn received the degree of Bachelor of Arts upon his

graduation in 1908, and later received his Bachelor's degree in Law from Georgetown University, at Washington, D. C., having been graduated from that institution in the class of 1911. Shortly thereafter entering upon his career with offices in Fitchburg, Mr. Flynn early gained a footing in his chosen profession and has gone forward to large success. His profound knowledge of the law and his ability as an advocate combine to make him a powerful ally and a formidable opponent, but his general practice has not circumscribed the scope of his activity. In 1913 he was elected to the Common Council of the city of Fitchburg, and from that time forward his public usefulness has increased. In 1915 he was elected to the Board of Aldermen, and three years later was made Councilor-at-Large. In 1920 he was made City Solicitor, and in this broadly responsible position he still serves, his extensive experience and practical ability counting largely for the municipal advance. Mr. Flynn is a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, of the American Bar Association, the Worcester County Bar Association, the Fitchburg Bar Association, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Fitchburg; the Knights of Columbus, in which he holds the fourth degree, and is Past Grand Knight of the local council and a Past District Deputy of the order; the Loyal Order of Moose, of which he is Past Dictator and is now secretary; the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which he is Past President; and Fitchburg Post, American Legion, of which he is Past Commander. His connection with the Oak Hill Country Club reveals his pleasure in outdoor interests. His religious affiliation is with St. Bernard's Church of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Mr. Flynn married, June 16, 1919, Irene G. Hanna, daughter of James and Sarah A. Hanna. They are the parents of two children: Barbara, born September 13, 1920; and Charlotte, born December 21, 1922.

WILLIAM CLAFLIN GOODWIN, noted in local business circles for his forward-looking attitude and genial spirit, is one of the honored and esteemed merchants of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and is the head of a leading retail shoe store of this city. Mr. Goodwin's wide affiliations with organized advance in many and varied lines of effort characterize him justly, for he is broadly interested in all that pertains to the progress of the day or the welfare of his fellow men, whether as individuals or as a community. His own activities have always been ordered with a generous consideration of his responsibilities to those about him and no more honored name stands on the records of Fitchburg than that of William Claflin Goodwin.

The Goodwin family is a very old one in New England, Major Goodwin, the immigrant ancestor, having settled in Dresden, Maine, in Colonial times. Joseph T. Goodwin, in direct descent from the pioneer and father of William C. Goodwin, for many years was active as a ship's carpenter in the Charlestown Navy Yard, in the suburbs of Boston, Massachusetts, then later came to Lunenburg, Massachusetts, where he engaged in farming for a time. He then entered the employ of the Boston and Maine Railroad in the capacity of lumber surveyor, and was active in this connection until his death, which occurred in November, 1913. Joseph T.

Goodwin married Maria D. Gleason, a direct descendant of Samuel Gleason, who settled in East Boston, Massachusetts, in early Colonial times.

William Claflin Goodwin was born at Lunenburg, Massachusetts, October 30, 1870. His education was received in the public and high schools of Fitchburg, where the family later resided, and Mr. Goodwin first entered the business world in the employ of David G. Wallace, a retail shoe dealer, beginning his activities in this connection in the year 1882, when still a young lad at school. Mr. Goodwin took a regular position in the store as soon as he had completed his education and remained with the Wallace interests until October 1, 1898. On that date he purchased the Hub Shoe Store, which was located in the flatiron block on Main Street, and was active in that location until the year 1917, distributing at retail a fine and complete line of boots and shoes. During the latter years of this period Mr. Goodwin's business developed to such an extent that expansion became a vital necessity, and in 1917 he removed to his present commodious quarters, at Nos. 342-44 Main Street, Fitchburg. Here he is doing a very large and lucrative business his store being a popular shopping place among all classes of people, his slogan is "A Good Place to Buy Shoes," and it is certainly considered such by the people of Fitchburg and vicinity, who flock to his doors and there find the courteous treatment and excellent stock which are the foundations of his success. Mr. Goodwin's further business affiliations include a directorship in C. W. Bennett & Company, Inc., in the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and he is a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Fraternally he is affiliated with Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Fitchburg; also Jerusalem Commandery, of Fitchburg; Mount Rollstone Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Nashua Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men. He is a well-known member of the local Young Men's Christian Association, and his clubs are the Oak Hill Country, the Masonic, and the Rotary, all of Fitchburg. Mr. Goodwin is a director of the Children's Home, of Fitchburg, and a director of the Welfare Association. He attends the Universalist church.

William Claflin Goodwin married, at Eau Claire, Michigan, November 11, 1896, Nellie R. Dillin, daughter of Frank and Hattie (Dudley) Dillin, and they have one son, Dana Dudley, who is now associated with his father in business. Dana Dudley Goodwin married Vera Willard, of Harvard, Massachusetts, a daughter of Wendall and Jennie Willard, their only child being a son, Dana Dudley, Jr., born July 5, 1923, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

BENNETT I. FIELDING, M. D.—In professional circles in Worcester County, Massachusetts, Dr. Fielding is looked upon as one of the promising young men of the day, and with his training acquired in a leading institution of the East and an unusually comprehensive institutional experience, he is going forward to marked success. He is a son of Louis Fielding, who was born in Russia and came to the United States as a young man, entering the woolen goods business as a jobber and now being thus engaged. The mother, Leah Rose

(Lewis) Fielding, was born at Hull, England. Both parents are now living in Worcester.

Bennett I. Fielding was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, January 25, 1899. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following his graduation from the Worcester High School he entered Tufts Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1921, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thereafter, for sixteen and one-half months, Dr. Fielding was active as interne at Carney Hospital at Boston, then he returned to Worcester and established his office in this city at No. 5 Trumbull Square. He has made a very auspicious beginning and has gained a secure footing in his chosen field of endeavor. A man of large energy and high ideals, his natural equipment for his work is of the best, and he is unquestionably one of the coming men of the profession. Dr. Fielding is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and the Worcester South District Medical Society, and acts as examiner for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. During the World War Dr. Fielding served in the United States Medical Reserve Corps, being then a student at Tufts College. He is interested in all civic, social, and welfare endeavors, and is affiliated with the Order of the Maccabees and the Young Men's Hebrew Association. He attends the Jewish synagogue.

Dr. Fielding married, on December 27, 1919, Harriet Lillian Newman, who was born at Lincoln, New Hampshire, and they have one son, Waldo Lewis, born July 25, 1921.

LESLIE B. PHILLIPS—In banking circles in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, Leslie B. Phillips is holding a position of responsibility, and his work is contributing to the progress of the Mechanics' Savings Bank, with which he has been connected for the past fifteen years. Mr. Phillips is a son of Alvin Phillips, who was born at South Montville, Maine, and is a prominent mining engineer, still actively engaged in his profession. The mother, Minerva V. (Pierce) Phillips, who was born at Leominster, Massachusetts, died in 1908.

Leslie B. Phillips was born at Auburn, Maine, February 12, 1882. His education was begun in the public schools of Somerville, Massachusetts, and he later entered Tufts College, from which he was graduated in 1906, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Upon the completion of his education Mr. Phillips became identified with the American Steel and Wire Works, remaining for two years in that connection. Two years later he formed his present affiliation with the Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank, beginning in a subordinate capacity. He has been active in this institution continuously since, and now serves as chief clerk and accountant. Mr. Phillips commands the confidence and esteem of his associates, and is considered one of the substantial and influential men in the world of finance in Worcester. He is a member of the Independent Order of Old Fellows, and attends the People's Church.

Mr. Phillips married, on September 23, 1916, Miriam F. Fifield, who was born in Worcester, and they have one son, Richard F., born July 4, 1917. Mrs. Phillips is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College of the class of 1908, and holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She

taught school before her marriage, and was instructor in French in the North High School of Worcester.

GEORGE BOSWORTH—The Bosworth family is a large and well known one. The first of the family to come to this country landed at Hull, in 1634. They were a mother and three sons, who settled in the eastern part of Massachusetts. The first to come to Petersham was Henry, who lived on the West Road, near the present Hitchcock farm. His son, George, lived still farther west, and his son, George, located at the four corners on the Dana Road.

George Bosworth, Jr., was a carriage maker in the days when carriages were made in small shops. In 1835, with his wife and three small children, he removed to the centre of Petersham and bought the MacCarty place, situated just south of the Common. The house was then about fifty years old and had been built by two brothers, William and Nathaniel MacCarty, who had a store just north of the house. Mr. Bosworth changed the carriage house into a shop where he made carriages and sleighs for many years. It was his custom, after the first snow fell, to start for New Hampshire and Vermont with a long line of sleighs which he had constructed during the summer. He was known for his honesty and integrity, and was interested in temperance reform in an age when it was almost unknown. The following is an illustration of his strength of character. As a young man he smoked, but becoming convinced that it was an unwise habit, he threw away his pipe and never touched it again. Mrs. Bosworth was Lucinda Clapp, of Petersham. She was a woman of an unusually sweet and sunny disposition. Both she and Mr. Bosworth were members of the Congregational church. Mr. Bosworth died at the age of eighty-five years. A few days before his death he was in his fields mowing with his scythe. After Mr. Bosworth's death his widow made her home with her children and died in Lakeville, Massachusetts, at the age of ninety.

Mr. and Mrs. Bosworth had six children, two of whom died in childhood. Their oldest daughter, Luthera, married W. O. Ware and lived in Burlington, Iowa, where she died at nearly ninety-one years of age. The oldest son, Charles Frederick, is still living at ninety-three years of age. During his active years he has been an inventor, and associated with the Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine Company, of Bridgeport, Connecticut. He invented one of the first sewing machines, also a machine for sewing straw hats, and a leather sewing machine, which is still in use. He designed the Petersham Town Hall while still a young man. He has always been interested in art and music, and still plays on the violin and flute.

Four of his five children are still living. The oldest son, George F., is an architect in Boston. The second daughter of George Bosworth, Anna M., married Rev. Ebenezer Dawes, a Congregational clergyman, of Taunton, Massachusetts. He was a graduate of Brown University and attended Andover Seminary. He was for many years on the editorial staff of the Bristol County "Republican," and represented his district in the Massachusetts Legislature. He had pastorates in Dighton and Lakeville, where he was much beloved. On the death of her husband Mrs. Dawes and her daughters returned to

her former home in Petersham, where she died in 1911. Three daughters survive her, Elizabeth B., Anna S., and Sarah L., all of whom are graduates of Wheaton Seminary, and are much interested in church and social work, being members of the Daughters of the Revolution and the Woman's Club. Anna S. married William S. MacNutt, who has been for the past thirteen years a Selectman and Overseer of the Poor in Petersham. They have four children: Arthur D., Edith S., Anna Elizabeth, and Leta B. Sarah L. married Charles H. Hawley, of Manchester, Vermont, and St. Petersburg, Florida. Francis J. Bosworth, the youngest son of George Bosworth, lived in Milford, Connecticut, where he died in 1911.

Three of his four children are still living, also six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

ROBERT LINCOLN CARTER—Beginning in 1898, Mr. Carter has served in a public capacity the city of Leominster, Massachusetts, and is to-day occupying a post of great importance to the citizens of this community. His father, Chauncey W. Carter, was a practicing lawyer until his death in 1903. The mother, Clara A. (Lincoln) Carter, died in 1905, both parents being natives of this city.

Robert L. Carter was born at Leominster, Massachusetts, March 30, 1869, receiving his preliminary education here in the public schools, later attending Boston University. When he had completed his schooling he assumed the position of secretary and treasurer with the Leominster Coöperative Bank until 1903, when he was elected Town Clerk. In 1898, however, he had become Assistant Town Clerk and served in that capacity until receiving this full appointment. In 1916 he was elected City Treasurer, the responsible office still (1923) held by him.

He is a Free and Accepted Mason and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Leominster Club, Monöosnock Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, clerk of the Unitarian Society, and attends the Unitarian church.

Mr. Carter married, June 1, 1905, J. Louise Bartlett, a native of Sterling, Massachusetts.

DAVID GOLDTHWAIT COOLIDGE, M. D.—In medical circles in Northern Worcester County the name of Dr. David G. Coolidge commands the highest esteem, and as one of the able and successful physicians of the day, Dr. Coolidge is an important figure in Athol, Massachusetts. Highly trained along special lines, and with extensive experience both in these specialties and in general practice, Dr. Coolidge gives to the people of this community the skilled ministrations which are ordinarily only obtainable in the great cities. He is a son of Loring Coolidge, who was born at Orange, Massachusetts, and died in his native place in December, 1869. He was a carpenter and molder, following both trades from time to time, but his early death removed from the community an estimable man and a progressive citizen. The mother, Eleanor (Curtis) Coolidge, was born at Erving, Massachusetts, and died in 1915.

David Goldthwait Coolidge was born at Orange, Massachusetts, February 26, 1865. Following the death of his father, when he was four years of age, the boy

seldom possessed a settled home, but attended school wherever he happened to be, for several years attending school a few weeks, or broken weeks a year, or not at all, studying eagerly at every opportunity, for even when a child he cherished a settled ambition to become a physician. When the time came to enter high school the youth who had made his own living from the age of nine years, and at the age of eleven was tramping the country searching for work, returned to his native town of Orange in order to attend school there. By his own efforts he financed his own high school course and was graduated in the class of 1886. In the fall of the same year he borrowed money and went West, entering the University of Michigan. There, also, he secured work to finance his education, and was graduated in the class of 1889. Meanwhile, the electric era in mechanics had passed its dawn and was developing in great waves. The science of therapeutics was just awakening to the possibilities of electricity as a healing agent, and the institutions of Michigan were among the leaders in investigation and experiment. During his medical course Dr. Coolidge took a special course in electrical engineering, and in 1889 he was sent by the faculty of the University of Michigan to the Battle Creek Sanitarium, with his expenses paid, for the purpose of studying baths and Swedish movements, and forming some theory as to the application of electricity as a remedial agent. During his senior year at the University of Michigan he was made assistant to the professor on nerve diseases, in whose hands the tentative work in electro-therapeutics lay, for there were then no doctors or medical professors who knew its use professionally. Dr. Coolidge later became assistant to Professor Herdman, of the University of Michigan, in his private residence in Ann Arbor, also in the absence of Professor Herdman he had charge of the clinic for nervous diseases. During his senior year also, Dr. Coolidge had charge of all machinery and equipment for work in electro-therapeutics, as a salaried assistant of the university, personally making practically all machinery and equipment used. He also took a post-graduate course at the Chicago College of Ophthalmology and Otology, special work on the eye and ear, further equipping him for his professional career.

Dr. Coolidge began the regular practice of medicine in Orange, Massachusetts, and continued uninterruptedly for about five or six years, and during that time was one of three to organize the Orange Board of Health, which he served as secretary for four years. Meanwhile his *alma mater* sought his services repeatedly, desiring him to return to the institution as assistant professor and demonstrator in nervous diseases and electro-therapeutics. He at length accepted this chair, and while at the university acted also as assistant to the surgeon-in-chief of the Ann Arbor Railroad. After two years' residence in Michigan his health compelled him to return to his native State and he again settled, and this time permanently, in Massachusetts. He has since practiced in Athol, giving to this community and the surrounding region the advantage of his splendid preparation and his great skill. He has been largely successful as a physician, and in every branch of community advance he has borne a constructive and worthy part. As a young man, during his stay in the West, he served



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for three years as a member of the Michigan Militia. He offered his services for the Spanish-American War, endeavoring to enlist, but was declined. During the World War he found larger opportunities to serve his native land as he had desired to do, and was attached to the Headquarters Department at Boston for a time, then was transferred to the 31st Battalion, United States Guards, and was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, until November, 1918, when he returned to Athol, and in March, 1919, received his honorable discharge from the service. Dr. Coolidge was for many years a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and fraternally he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the New England Order of Protection, also the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Poquaig Club of Athol, and his religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. For recreation the doctor chooses motor touring.

Dr. Coolidge married (first), in 1891, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, Sophie Durheim, who died in that city in 1893. He married (second), at Townsend, Massachusetts, on August 28, 1895, M. Eunice Manning, daughter of Boardman and Martha (Foster) Manning, her father a native of Townsend, and her mother of Petersham, Massachusetts. They have two children: David B., born April 29, 1903, now conducting a general repair shop in Athol; and Anita, born March 8, 1907, now a student in Athol High School. The family home, which the doctor purchased and improved, is at No. 268 School Street, the center of a delightful social circle.

JOHN W. WATSON—Active as an executive in the business world of Worcester, Massachusetts, Mr. Watson holds a prominent position in the community. He is also widely known in fraternal circles and as a participant in many lines of civic and benevolent advance. A native of this city, Mr. Watson is a member of a very old family of Massachusetts, of English and Scotch origin, noted in every generation for the men of this name who have taken places of honor and distinction in the commercial, professional and industrial activities of their times. Luke M. Watson, Mr. Watson's father, was born in Princeton, Massachusetts, July 17, 1853, but has for very many years been a resident of the city of Worcester, and is still actively engaged here as an expert machinist. The mother, Susan M. (Butterick) Watson, was born in Portland, Maine, and died in July, 1920.

John W. Watson was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, August 11, 1879. He gained a broadly practical foundation for his career in the public schools of the city, and on the completion of his education secured a position in a bicycle store. Here he acquired a valuable fund of practical experience, and in the year 1898 he became associated with the present organization, the Coats Clipper Manufacturing Company, and he has continuously since been identified with the progress of the concern in one way or another. Beginning in a subordinate capacity, he has worked up through the various grades of responsibility until now for some years past he has been president and treasurer of the company. This concern was founded more than thirty-five years ago, and is the leading manufacturer of clippers in the

United States. Mr. Watson, as head of this interest, keeps in touch with commercial and industrial advance, and fraternally is widely prominent. He is a member of Isaiah Thomas Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; a charter member of Clement Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the Encampment, the Rebekahs, and the Ridgely Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand; a member of the board of directors of the Odd Fellows' Charitable Association; and the Orientals. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist church.

John W. Watson married, on October 17, 1905, Annie E. Jones, who was born in the city of Worcester.

EDWARD J. CROSS holds noteworthy place among the business men of Worcester County, Massachusetts, as president of the E. J. Cross Company, with which he has been identified for many years.

Edward Josiah Cross was born in Worcester, January 25, 1866, and was taken by his parents to West Warren when he was a year old, attending the public schools of that town. After he came of age he returned to Worcester, learned the trade of carpenter, and worked as an apprentice and journeyman in this city for seven years. Since 1894 he has been in business as a builder. In 1910 he incorporated the business under its present name, the E. J. Cross Company, of which he is president and treasurer. The offices of the company are at No. 82 Foster Street. Mr. Cross has erected many of the finest residences in the county, and the most important public buildings. He was the contractor for the entire plant of the Norton Company, the Spencer Wire Company, the Wyman-Gordon Company, mills of the Woven Cartridge Belt Company, and the residence of Austin P. Christy, Lyman F. Gordon (now owned by L. J. Knowles), Harry W. Goddard, and Frank O. Woodland (now owned by John Jeppson). He is a director of the Mechanics' National Bank, the Merchants and Farmers Insurance Company of Worcester, and the Federal Mutual Liability Insurance Company of Boston. Mr. Cross is a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Commonwealth Club, Worcester Rotary Club, Tatasit Canoe Club, Economic Club, Worcester Country Club, Automobile Club, Chamber of Commerce, Worcester County Mechanics' Association, Worcester County Fish and Game Association, Worcester Builders' Exchange, Massachusetts Master Builders' Club, and is president of the Worcester County Employers' Association.

Mr. Cross married, in Worcester, February 25, 1891, Mary O. Upton born in St. John, New Brunswick. They have two children: Ralph Upton, of whom further; and Frank Edward.

Ralph U. Cross was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, August 16, 1892. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following his graduation from high school he took a preparatory course at the Worcester Academy; after which he entered Tufts College and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Immediately following his graduation Mr. Cross became associated with his father in business, and in building and general construction work in Worcester County, and throughout

adjoining counties and States he is well known through his activities in this connection. His career has thus far been interrupted only by his military service. In June, 1917, he enlisted in Headquarters Company of the Northeastern Division, at Boston. He was later transferred to Washington, District of Columbia, where he served in the construction department of the United States, and was commissioned second lieutenant, later receiving his promotion to first lieutenant. With this rank he received his honorable discharge from the service in January, 1919. Mr. Cross is prominent in fraternal circles, holding the thirty-second degree in the Masonic order, being a member of all the Scottish Rite bodies, also a member of the York Rite bodies up to and including the chapter. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Engineers' Club of Boston, the University, Automobile, Rotary, and Country clubs of Worcester, and the American Legion. He also retains his membership in the Delta Upsilon fraternity of Tufts College. His religious affiliation is with the Unitarian church.

Mr. Cross married, in 1922, Mary B. Barnard, of Worcester.

C. WILLIS BENNETT—The production of shoes forms an appreciable part of the industrial life of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and in this field of endeavor C. Willis Bennett holds a prominent place. With long practical experience in the production departments of this industry, Mr. Bennett has been at the head of his own interest for some eighteen years. He is a member of a family founded in Fitchburg many years ago by his grandparents, Abraham and Eunice (Gibson) Bennett, who became well known in the business and social life of the city. The trend of the family's activities always followed practical lines, and Charles Bennett, their son, and Mr. Bennett's father, was a carpenter by occupation. He married Mary E. Locke, also a member of an old New England family.

C. Willis Bennett was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and laid a sensible foundation for his future in the public and high schools of his native place. Early in life he entered the shoe industry, and making good use of his time and energies, rose from a subordinate position to that of superintendent in the employ of E. M. Dickinson & Company, shoe manufacturers of Fitchburg. Remaining with the same concern for a full quarter of a century, Mr. Bennett filled various positions in their plant, and his experience stood him in good stead when he came to strike out for himself. In the year 1905 Mr. Bennett founded his own interest, beginning the manufacture of women's, misses', and children's shoes in a small plant on North Street. He now employs one hundred and twenty-five hands, and with thoroughly modern equipment, manufactures 1,500 pairs of shoes per day. Mr. Bennett has won his own success, going forward fearlessly, whether discouragements or good fortune attended him. He has formed various other business affiliations, is a director of the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company, and a trustee of the Worcester North Savings Institute, and on the board of investment of same. Politically he supports the Republican party, and is prominent fraternally, being a member of C. W. Moore Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past

Master; Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander; and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, his affiliation being with Aleppo Temple of Boston. His clubs are: The Masonic, the Fay, of which he is vice-president; and the Oak Hill Country.

Mr. Bennett married, on December 6, 1888, Elmira H. Goodrich, daughter of Edward A. and Jane (Farwell) Goodrich, also both members of old Fitchburg families.

FRANCIS N. LUCE—Filling large responsibilities in the industrial life of West Boylston, Massachusetts, Francis N. Luce serves as chemist at the plant of the Norton Company of Worcester, his work having to do with research and production problems. Mr. Luce is well known in West Boylston, and is taking a constructive and eminently practical part in the industrial progress of his day. He is a son of William D. and Celia (Wynne) Luce, his father active in the shoe business for many years, but now retired.

Francis N. Luce was born at West Boylston, Massachusetts, January 5, 1895. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following his completion of the high school course he attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in the class of 1918 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His experience since his graduation has been confined to the connection with the present firm which still endures, and his part in the progress of the organization is one of vital importance. The Norton Company of Worcester is one of the progressive and noteworthy industrial organizations of that city, its activities including the manufacture of Alundum and Crystolon grinding wheels, floor tile, and high temperature refractories.

During the World War Mr. Luce was active as sergeant in the United States Machine Gun Corps, enlisting in April, 1918, very shortly after the United States intervened in European affairs. Stationed at Camp Hancock, Georgia, as instructor, he was later transferred to the 3d Machine Gun Officers' Training School, but was not sent across, receiving his discharge from the service December 7, 1918. Sergeant Luce was Commander of Harold T. Keith Post, No. 204, American Legion, in 1921 and 1922, and is still a leading member of this organization. He has for some years been active in public affairs, but not in an official way until quite recently he was elected Selectman of West Boylston in February, 1923. Fraternally he is affiliated with Boylston Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Mr. Luce married, June 18, 1921, at West Boylston, Mildred F. Prescott, daughter of Nelson and Angeline (Sawyer) Prescott.

BERNARD L. PLOUFFE, A. B., M. D.—The younger group of medical men of Worcester County, Massachusetts, is a body of progressive and alert spirits, whose activities are counting materially for the welfare of the people and the progress of the profession. In this group Dr. Bernard L. Plouffe is a noteworthy figure, and as one of the well-known practitioners of Webster, Massachusetts, is winning marked success. He is a son



of John D. and Mary Plouffe, formerly of North Oxford, Massachusetts, but for more than thirty years residents of Webster.

Bernard L. Plouffe was born at North Oxford, Massachusetts, January 4, 1890. The family removing to Webster when he was one year old his education was begun in the public schools of this place, and following his high school course he entered Holy Cross College at Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in the class of 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For his medical studies the young man entered Harvard University, from the medical department of which he was graduated in the class of 1915 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served an internship at Carney Hospital of Boston, where he spent six months, then for eighteen months was active in a similar capacity in the Boston City Hospital. In both institutions he did principally surgical work. He worked also as an assistant at St. John's Long Island City Hospital, New York; the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston; and Worcester City Hospital, Worcester. coming to Webster in the year 1917, Dr. Plouffe opened his office here at No. 359 Main Street, and except for the interruption of his military service he has continued here since, and has gained an assured footing in his chosen profession. He is looked upon as one of the most promising of the younger surgeons of Worcester County.

The military service of Dr. Plouffe began with his commission in the Medical Reserve Corps in September, 1917, when he was commissioned first lieutenant and detailed to Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, Medical Officers' Training Corps. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion Tank Corps, and remained for six months at Gettysburg, the original training camp of the tank corps. Going overseas, Dr. Plouffe was stationed for six months at the American Tank Corps' Training Camp at Bourq, France, where he was on battalion, post, and ward service as acting camp surgeon and adjutant of camp hospitals. He is a member of the American Medical Society, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, of which the Worcester County Medical Society is a part, and fraternally is identified with the Elks and the Knights of Columbus, the Moose, the Eagles, the Franco-American Foresters, and Foresters of America. He is also identified with the Club Gagnon, and is a member of St. Louis' Church.

Dr. Plouffe married Cecile C. Delehanty of Southbridge, Massachusetts, in 1917, and they are the parents of one child, John Bernard Plouffe, who is now five years old and already willing to follow in his father's footsteps when he grows older.

(MRS.) ADELAIDE B. HOWLAND, a prominent figure in social and literary circles in Templeton, Massachusetts, for many years was active as an educator in Boston, and her home has been in Templeton since her retirement. Mrs. Howland takes a deep interest in the advance of the community, especially along educational lines, and has done much for civic progress in Templeton. She is a descendant of Captain Parker, who led the "minute men" at the battle of Concord in Revolutionary days, and other ancestors also bore a part in that early struggle for liberty

Adelaide B. (Smith) Howland was born at Templeton, Massachusetts. Her education was begun in Mrs. Lucy Richardson's private boarding school of this community, and following her intermediate courses she attended Templeton High School, from which she was graduated. She then became a teacher in the elementary schools of Walpole, New Hampshire, and later followed this line of endeavor in Boston for twenty-six years, and was first assistant in the Concord Street School. Naturally gifted as an instructor and devoted to her work, also possessing the love for children which makes of this duty a joy and privilege, Mrs. Howland did much in forming the characters of her charges and in starting on the paths of truth and uprightness the young spirits placed in her care. Since her retirement from her profession Mrs. Howland has been active in educational and welfare interests in Templeton, where she has resided. She retains her affiliation with the Boston Teachers' Association, and is a leading member of the Templeton Woman's Club. With the duty of citizenship devolving upon women as it does in the present day, Mrs. Howland supports the Republican party and is a member of the Unitarian church.

She became the wife of Charles W. Howland, of Boston, who died in 1917. Mr. Howland came from a long line of patriotic and public-spirited ancestors, being a direct descendant of John Howland, one of the "Mayflower" pilgrims in 1620. He was educated in the public schools of Charlestown, Massachusetts, and in the engineering course of that navy yard. For many years Mr. Howland was one of the trustees of the large estate of his uncle, the well-known Jacob Foss, of Charlestown. Mr. Howland was intensely American, being a member of the Bunker Hill Association, the Mayflower descendants, Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, and of the Old Charlestown School Boys' Association. He also took a great interest in Masonry, and in his early twenties was admitted to the Henry Price Blue Lodge, continuing through the chapter and the Mystic Shrine. He also belonged to the De Molay Commandery, and finally became a thirty-third degree Mason and member of the Massachusetts Consistory. Mr. Howland's last years were spent in Templeton, after many months of worldwide travel, where his public spirit continued to be manifest in many ways. The family has long borne arms as follows:

Arms—Argent, two bars sable, in chief three lions rampant of the second.

Crest—A leopard passant sable, ducally gorged or.

GEORGE MARSH—For many years active in the contracting business in his native town of Petersham, Massachusetts, George Marsh holds a prominent position in this part of Worcester County, and has long been active in the public service as well as in his individual endeavor. Mr. Marsh is a member of one of the oldest and most noteworthy families of Massachusetts, the immigrant ancestor of his line having landed in Boston in 1633 on the ship "Mary and John." In early generations the pioneers were blessed with many children, and numerous representatives of this family have been scattered throughout the country. Hiram Marsh, father of the subject of this sketch, was born

at Barre, Massachusetts, and after a long and useful life in agricultural occupations, died at Petersham in 1888. He married Mary Jane Dudley, who was born in Petersham, Massachusetts, in 1823, and died in her native place in 1901.

George Marsh was born at Petersham, Massachusetts, January 24, 1861. Receiving his education in the public schools of his birthplace he began learning the carpenter's trade in 1883, also mastering the trade of painting. A few years later he struck out for himself as an independent contractor, and at one time did nearly all the work of this nature in Petersham, but for the last four or five years has taken only such contracts as would give him a little activity and occupy his attention rather than retire to idleness. Mrs. Marsh owns a one hundred and fifty acre farm, which is considered one of the finest pieces of property in this section, as on this land stands a million and one-half feet of splendid pine timber. Always active in any branch of forward endeavor, whatever its purpose might be, Mr. Marsh has at different times served the people of Petersham in public office. He is a Republican by political affiliation, and was first elected Constable, later being made Forest Warden when this office was created. He has served in the latter capacity continuously until August, 1923, when he retired from its duties. He has also served on the Fire Department and served as Forest Fire Warden. He is a member of the Arcadian Club of Petersham, and is one of the honored figures in the social and business life of the community.

George Marsh married, at Athol, Massachusetts, November 5, 1885, Emma A. Wyman, of Petersham, Massachusetts, a daughter of Charles G. and Nellie Wyman, esteemed citizens of Petersham. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are the parents of two sons: George Homer, born July 30, 1890, at Petersham, Massachusetts; and Kenneth Earl, born July 24, 1895, also at Petersham, both now engaged in the painting and building business.

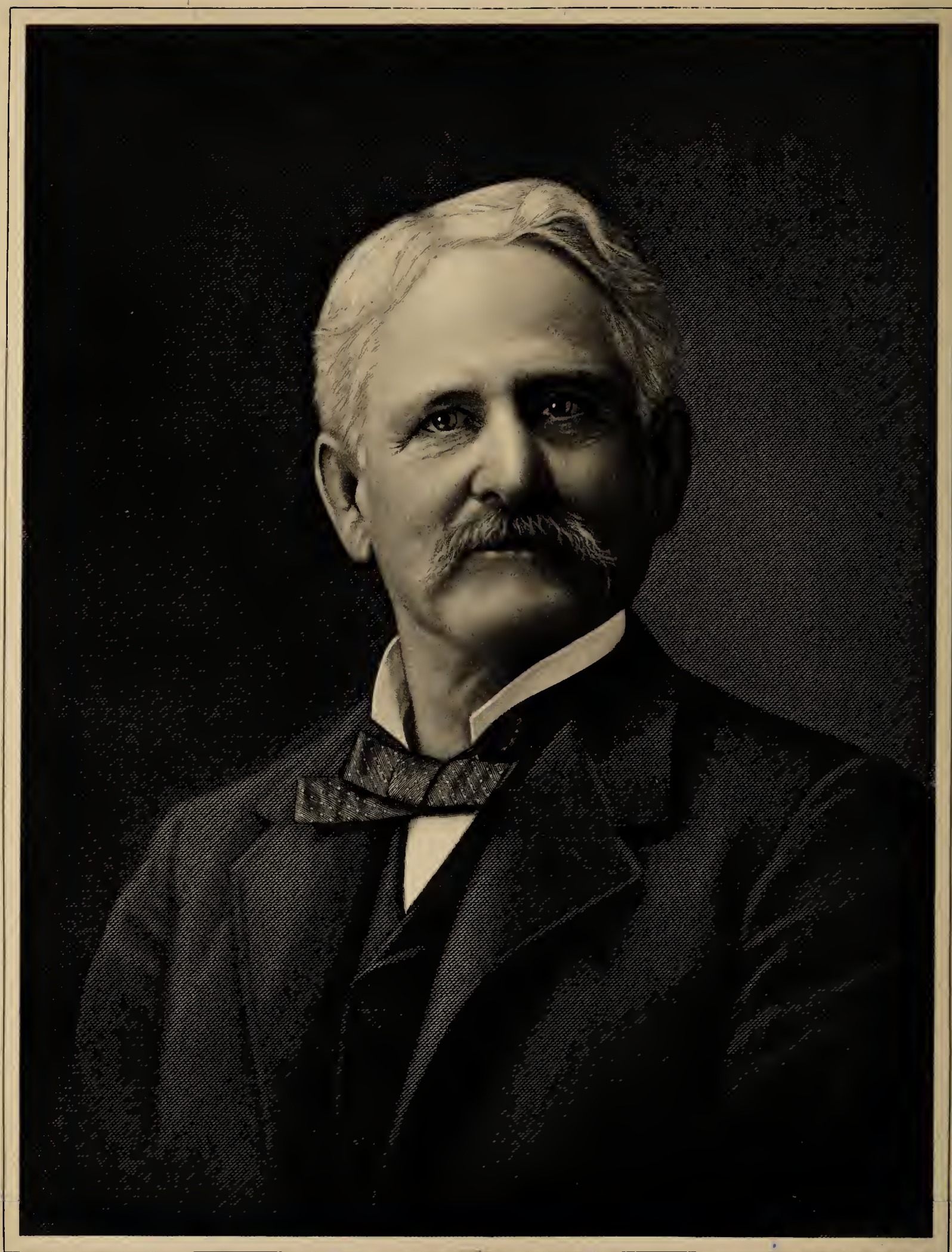
THURSTON BUCK—A venerable but still active figure in the business world of West Sterling, Massachusetts, is Thurston Buck, who is famed throughout the United States as an authority on both forestry and lumber, and is one of the leading figures of the day in Worcester County. Mr. Buck is one of the few remaining pioneers in the manufacture of chairs in Worcester County, and the history of his enterprise is marked by the same problems and vicissitudes which, undoubtedly, attend the development and permanent establishing of any worth-while endeavor. He is a son of James O. and Azubah (Smith) Buck, his father an early producer of ladder rounds and chair stock.

Thurston Buck was born in Sterling, Massachusetts, November 14, 1851. He had the advantage of only a common school education, and in his early youth became identified with his father in the small and seemingly important business, which was the forerunner of the present large interest. From his first connection with the business Mr. Buck was a force in its progress and development and, with his brother, E. R. Buck, began to manufacture chairs, as well as to handle the stocks of which they are produced. The plant was entirely wiped out by fire June 14, 1883, but the young men were undaunted by this misfortune, and made a

second start. This time they were practically penniless, but with strong and capable hands and gallant, courageous spirits they rebuilt the plant and once more gained a foothold in the industry. They soon brought the business to a prosperous condition, and the firm of T. & E. R. Buck became a fact, of which Thurston Buck is still the head. Two years after the death of his brother, Thurston Buck bought his brother's interest and became sole owner under the same firm name, which has never been changed, and which is one of the leaders in its field in New England. This concern has made a specialty of producing chairs for great occasions, and they have filled contracts in many parts of the United States. They furnished the chairs for the ceremonies held at the dedication of the Grant Memorial, in Washington Heights, New York City; for the inauguration of President Roosevelt, at the Nation's Capitol, in 1905, and previous to this had furnished chairs for Presidential inaugurations, also for the Christian Endeavor Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, many years ago. A more recent contract which they have filled was the furnishing of 10,000 chairs for the Johnson-Jeffries fight at Reno, Nevada. An interesting feature of the T. & E. R. Buck plant is their modern drying system for the preparation of wood for chair stock, this system having been devised by Thurston Buck and put in operation under his supervision. By this means they produce a finished chair in ten days from the standing timber. The tree can be cut, the wood dried, manufactured and shipped within ten days by the use of this modern drying method, thereby shortening the time required for the manufacture of chairs to a minimum. This achievement has given Mr. Buck wide recognition not only in the chair industry but in modern forestry activities. He is recognized as an authority on forestry, and his judgment is sought by State and national officials who are engaged in the conservation and preservation of existing forests and in reforestation work. Mr. Buck owns 1,600 acres of woodland, making him the heaviest taxpayer in the town of Princeton, Massachusetts. On this property he has done wonders in reforestation, accomplishing the production of successive growths of hard wood or soft wood, whatever varieties he may desire. He has made this property an example of what can be accomplished by intelligent and persistent care of forest lands. Thurston Buck is a prominent member of Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Clinton, Massachusetts.

Thurston Buck married Olive Sheppard, daughter of Jeremia and Delia (Newton) Sheppard, and they were the parents of one son, Harry T., and three daughters: Lila; Ethel, deceased; and Helen.

Harry T. Buck was born in West Sterling, Massachusetts, April 22, 1876. Following his early studies in the local schools he attended Ridge's Technical School of Cambridge, from which he was graduated in the year 1894. He then entered his father's factory for three years, after which he became a student at Becker's Business College of Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1899. For about nine months, at the solicitation of the institution, Mr. Buck taught at Becker's Business College, then resigned to enter the chair industry in association with his father. He has been associated in this enterprise with his father



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ever since. He is identified with Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Clinton, and the Grange, of which he is Past Master, and is a prominent figure in the social and business affairs of Princeton.

Harry T. Buck married, at Princeton, Massachusetts, November 26, 1902, Cora Clapp, daughter of George H. and Susan (Kingsman) Clapp, and they are the parents of five children: Ruth A., born September 19, 1903; Ethel, born November 28, 1906; Harry T., Jr., born September 6, 1910; Susie Olive, born February 17, 1914; and James O., born August 7, 1921, all born in Princeton, Massachusetts.

THOMAS CASEY—A distinctive figure in the professional life of Fitchburg is Thomas Casey, whose career as a lawyer has now covered a period of nearly nineteen years. Born and reared in the State of Massachusetts but trained for his profession in a Western university, Mr. Casey unites in his experience the best opportunities and possibilities of both the East and the West. He is a son of John and Bridget (Leary) Casey, his father a teamster by occupation and a veteran of the Civil War, a man of the highest character, esteemed by all with whom he came in contact.

Thomas Casey was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, August 15, 1875. His education was begun in the local public schools, and later he attended the Fitchburg High School. He entered the Massachusetts Agricultural College, at Amherst, from which he was graduated in the class of 1901. His choice of a profession made, Mr. Casey entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Passing the bar examination of his native State on February 16, 1905, he took up the general practice of law in Fitchburg, and has since been thus active, filling a position of definite importance. In connection with his general practice he specializes on probate work, and in this field has come to be regarded as an authority. Fraternally Mr. Casey is widely known, being a member of the Fitchburg Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the various bodies of the Masonic order, including the Fitchburg Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; the Masonic Club of Fitchburg; Fitchburg Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Fitchburg Grange, of which he is Past Master. He supports the Republican party in political affairs, but has never taken a leading part in public life. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church.

Thomas Casey married, in Boston, on October 20, 1909, Nancy K. Teal, and they are the parents of one daughter, Margaret T.

FRANK LEROY MAGUNE, M. D.—With excellent preparation for his chosen profession of medicine and some fifteen years of experience as a general practitioner in Worcester, Massachusetts, Dr. Magune has for a considerable period held a leading position in professional circles in Southern Worcester County, and his activities are contributing in a marked degree to the general welfare. He is a son of Francis A. and Mellie T. (Blaisdell) Magune, his father a seafaring man throughout his lifetime and master mariner.

Frank Leroy Magune was born at Rockport, Maine,

November 15, 1880. His education was begun in the public schools of his birthplace, and he took up special studies in the sciences at Bowdoin College in 1899 and spent two years in this department, after which he entered Bowdoin Medical School and was graduated in the class of 1904. Coming to Worcester shortly afterward, Dr. Magune acted as interne at the Worcester City Hospital from 1904 until 1906 inclusive, and after an interval of rest and further study, he took up the general practice of medicine in this city in 1908. He has won an enviable position in local professional circles, and his activities are doing much for the general advance, as well as giving him high standing in the profession. In connection with his private practice Dr. Magune acts as physician to the Worcester House of Correction, and during the World War he served with the rank of captain in the Medical Corps of the State Guard (1917-1919). Fraternally he is affiliated with St. Paul's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Aletheia Grotto. His clubs are the Economic and the University. His religious affiliation is with the Old South Congregational Church.

Dr. Magune married, at Lynn, Massachusetts, April 28, 1909, Mildred A. Richards, daughter of Alfred P. and Carrie E. (Perry) Richards. Her grandfather Perry served in the navy in the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Magune are the parents of four children: Marjorie F., born February 9, 1910; Robert R., born August 24, 1911; Mildred Avilla, born February 14, 1915; and Francis A. (2), born July 28, 1916.

LEDOIT BAXTER RAMSDELL—The personality of Mr. Ramsdell was one that will not be quickly forgotten by the great hosts of those who called him friend. Although afflicted for a long time with failing eyesight, his inner sight, thoughtfulness, and desire to give pleasure to his friends and to those less successful than he endeared him to all in this great circle. He was a man who combined gentleness and firmness, yielding easily where his sense of right and justice was not concerned, but inflexible where his conscience had rendered its decision. A delightful companion, he loved to remember and recount the interesting experiences through which he had passed on his travels and told his stories with vivid power. All men respected him and with their respect gave him that yet rarer and more precious gift, their affection. All in all, Mr. Ramsdell made an ideal business man and citizen, possessing all the sterling qualities of character that made him worthy of emulation.

Mr. Ramsdell was a descendant of John Ramsdell, who was born September 20, 1738, died October 29, 1816. He married, at Abington, Massachusetts, Eunice Cobb, then removed to Warwick, Massachusetts, and in 1786 to Wardsboro, Vermont. There John Ramsdell took up 700 acres of land, partly cultivated it, built a cabin, and sowed grain.

Job Ramsdell, son of John and Eunice (Cobb) Ramsdell, was born July 8, 1779, died November 10, 1870. He married Abigail White, and they lived in Wardsboro, Vermont.

Alanson Ramsdell, son of Job and Abigail (White) Ramsdell, was born February 14, 1808, died January 24, 1873. He married Maria E. Derby, born January 16,

1819, died July 31, 1909. They were the parents of two children: Hattie A., and Ledoit Baxter, to whose memory this review is dedicated. The family, as outlined above were of English ancestry, and they were prominent in their respective neighborhoods.

Ledoit Baxter Ramsdell was born in Wardsboro, Vermont, April 5, 1845, died at Gardner, Massachusetts, April 8, 1916. He came to Gardner when a young man and entered the employ of his maternal uncle, Philander P. Derby, a manufacturer of chairs. After remaining with his uncle for a few years Mr. Ramsdell formed a partnership with P. A. Goodale, establishing a shop on Mill Street, where they manufactured toys and developed a good business. Later Mr. Ramsdell bought his partner's interest and operated alone, under the name L. B. Ramsdell. He continued the manufacture of toys until about the year 1900, when he added the manufacture of children's go-carts, chairs, and reed furniture, finally abandoned, and the factory devoted to the manufacture of the other commodities named. In 1904 the business was reorganized and incorporated as the L. B. Ramsdell Company, Mr. Ramsdell, president. At that time Thomas E. Cody became a member of the corporation and was elected treasurer and appointed business manager. Mr. Ramsdell was very active in the affairs of the company until health failed him, and to him is due the credit of the wonderful expansion of the business from the small toy shop to a large manufacturing business. The L. B. Ramsdell Company were pioneers in the use of fibre in the manufacturing of baby carriages and chairs, beginning its use more than a decade before any other company. In 1904, when the business was incorporated, only comparatively few people were employed in the factory, but at the time of his death one hundred and seventy-five people were required to meet the demands of the Ramsdell goods. Mr. Ramsdell experienced many discouragements in his business career, was burned out twice but always retrieved his fortunes, saying, "I'm down to-day but will still reach the top." He was determined to succeed and did, continuing to grow of more and more importance in the business world so long as he lived.

Mr. Ramsdell was a member of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, his membership with that body covering a period of thirty-seven years; he was a companion of Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; a knight of Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; and an honorary member of D. G. Farragut Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He was a man of deep religious feeling and belief, but tolerant and broad-minded in his views. After his business was well established and he had leisure, he spent it in travel and also developed a passion for collecting china and rare coins, his home becoming filled with beautiful curios from all parts of the world. His collection is said to have been one of the best in Western Massachusetts. He appreciated all the sterling qualities of life and was himself a possessor of those qualities of character which he so greatly admired in others. Besides this, his business ethics and the simplicity of his life acted as an inspiration to all who came in contact with him.

Ledoit Baxter Ramsdell married (first) Mary Adele Taggart, of Gardner, and they were the parents of three children: Harriet W., Henry, and Harry, the sons both

deceased. Mr. Ramsdell married (second) Mrs. Palace L. Mann, who survives him, a resident of Gardner, a charter member of Gardner's Women's Club, and a lady universally esteemed.

JOHN W. MAXIM, as organizer of the Leominster Paper Box Company, is responsible for bringing into existence one of the notably successful business enterprises of Worcester County, Massachusetts. The plant, which is located at No. 97 Water Street, in Leominster, occupies three floors and requires the services of forty employees, and sends its product to all parts of the county.

John Murray Maxim, father of John W. Maxim, was born in South Carver, Massachusetts, 1841, and after receiving a practical education in the public schools of his native district, was engaged in the nail industry to the time of his death in 1895. During the Civil War he served as a private with the 18th Massachusetts Infantry, and was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg. He was a member of Wareham Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He married Cynthia L. Westgate, who was born in Wareham, Massachusetts, and died in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in 1916.

John W. Maxim, son of John Murray and Cynthia L. (Westgate) Maxim, was born in West Wareham, Massachusetts, May 1, 1869, and attended the public schools of his native city, including the high school. Upon the completion of his school training he found employment in one of the nail and tack manufactories of Wareham, and he continued in that industry for a period of six years. At the end of that time he made a change and found work in a paper box factory, where he remained until 1907. In that year he accepted a position as manager of the Webster Paper Box Company, and the duties of that executive position he continued to efficiently discharge for seven years. In 1914 he decided that the time had come to engage in business for himself, and severing his connection with the Webster Paper Box Company, he organized what is now known as the Leominster Paper Box Company. That concern has grown rapidly during the nine years of its existence, and at the present time produces about three millions of boxes annually. Mr. Maxim is a member of Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Leominster; and he is also a member of the Masonic Club of Leominster. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Leominster, and serves on the building committee.

John W. Maxim married, on January 18, 1893, Emma T. Anderson, who was born in Sweden, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Ahlstrum) Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Maxim are the parents of six children: 1. Alice Morton, who married Franklin Cooper, and they have two children: Franklin, Jr., and Edith May. 2. Lloyd Hobson, who married May Cozens, and they have children: Mildred and Albert H. 3. Milton Dewey, deceased. 4. Theodore, deceased. 5. Dorothy Louise. 6. John Irving.

HON. THOMAS F. HEDERMAN, a noteworthy figure in the public life of Southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, has brought to his public services the practical experience and ability which gave to his business activities the success and prosperity which they

always enjoyed. Mr. Hederman is a practical man, and in his present office as Postmaster of Webster, Massachusetts, is giving the people such service as makes the public take a just pride in the efficiency and usefulness of the post office. Mr. Hederman is a native of Ireland and a son of Thomas and Bridget (Shaughnesy) Hederman. His father was a native of Ireland and was active for many years in the shipping interests of the Irish coast, operating a freight boat from Limerick to Killrush. He was a ship carpenter by trade, and spent twelve years in California building ships, later coming to Webster, Massachusetts, where he was employed in the mill of S. Slater & Sons.

Thomas F. Hederman was born in County Clare, Ireland, March 4, 1873. Coming to America with his parents at the age of three years, and the family settling in Webster, Massachusetts, it was here that the lad acquired his education in the grammar and high schools. His first business experience was as clerk in a grocery store, then he became manager of S. Slater & Sons' Market. After a few years of experience in this general line Mr. Hederman established a bakery business for himself, also handling a general line of groceries, and for a considerable time carried this forward as a very prosperous interest, with two wagons constantly on the road. Later selling this enterprise to his brother, he became associated with other partners in the purchase of the printing plant of the Webster "Times," a weekly paper well known in this section. Mr. Hederman acted as president of the company until it was later sold to other parties. In the year 1902 Mr. Hederman was elected Representative from Webster to the Legislature of Massachusetts and served for two consecutive years, 1903 and 1904. During this period he disposed of all his business interests and gave his entire attention to his public service. Meanwhile, from 1901 to 1904 he was a member of the Board of Selectmen of Webster, and after the first year in this capacity, served as chairman of the board. In 1904 Mr. Hederman retired for a time from the public service and purchasing the De Witt Hotel he conducted this modern and popular hostelry for a period of seven years. He then sold this interest to accept the position of general office manager of the Intervale Mills, manufacturers of woolen fabrics. During the next few years in addition to this responsibility Mr. Hederman handled their seconds of stock and became widely known in the woolen goods trade. In the year 1915, by appointment of President Wilson, Thomas F. Hederman became Postmaster of Webster, Massachusetts, and in this responsible position he has served the people faithfully and well. His popularity and the satisfaction felt in his administration of local postal affairs are evidenced by the fact that he still holds office, although the opposite political party is now in power. He is first, last, and always, a Democrat, and for many years has been a leader in the progress of the party in this part of Worcester County. During the World War Mr. Hederman was a very active worker in all drives, and was one of the popular four-minute speakers of this section. He also acted as chairman of the Victory Loan Drive. Fraternally Mr. Hederman is quite prominent, being a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles,

of which he is now (1923) First District Deputy; also a leading member of the Foresters of America. During the existence of the Webster Chamber of Commerce he was very active in its welfare and served on the board of directors.

Mr. Hederman married, at Webster, Massachusetts, Helen Thompson, of this place, and they are the parents of three children: Frank T., a graduate of Yale University, degree of Bachelor of Arts, now identified with a Boston bank; Henry, a cadet in the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Maryland, of the class of June, 1923, and captain of the 1923 baseball team; and Helen R., a student at Wellesley College.

FRANK R. SMITH, of Leominster, Massachusetts, of the firm of Smith Brothers, engaged in the hardware and contracting business, has been successfully conducting a prosperous enterprise in that city for more than thirty years, and is well known as one of the substantial, highly esteemed business men.

Mr. Smith was born in Webster, Massachusetts, February 25, 1872, son of Robert Smith, who was engaged in business as a wool sorter, and of Mary (Cain) Smith. He received a good, practical education in the public schools of Webster, and then became an apprentice under the direction of his brother, James H. Smith, a hardware merchant, plumber, and sheet metal worker of Pascoag, Rhode Island. Before he was out of his "teens" he had thoroughly mastered the trade, and for a time worked in the hardware department of his brother's store in Pascoag. Two years later he removed to Leominster, and because of a shortage of labor at that time in the Leominster Worsted Company's plant, he was asked to accept a position in the shipping and finishing department of that concern. That connection, however, he maintained for only four or five months, when he returned to Harrisville, Rhode Island, as manager of his brother's store. Six months later he again returned to Leominster, and in 1893 established himself in business with his brother, James H., under the name of Smith Brothers, dealers in kitchen furnishings, and as contracting plumber and sheet metal worker. They opened their first establishment at No. 43 Monument Square, and continued to successfully conduct a steadily increasing business in that location for five years. They then removed to Pleasant Street, where they remained for a period of ten years. In 1910 they purchased the property owned by George S. Jones, at No. 43 Monument Square and removed their business to that location, where they have remained up to the present time, 1923. They have a thoroughly up-to-date and scientifically equipped establishment, and have built up a very large trade, extending their operations to a wide territory surrounding Leominster.

Mr. Smith has made an enviable reputation as a skillful plumber and a man of sound business principles. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of Leominster Lodge, No. 86, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Wachusett Tribe, No. 41, Improved Order of Red Men; and of Leominster Lodge, No. 1237, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Leominster Club, and his religious con-

nection is with St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Leominster, he being a member of the vestry.

Frank R. Smith married, on September 15, 1897, at Pascoag, Rhode Island, Lena F. Baker, daughter of George H. and Carrie A. (Boss) Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of six children: Carrie F., born June 27, 1899; Gertrude M., born May 17, 1901; Robert B., born August 19, 1902; Mary E., born May 31, 1904; Katharine C., born June 6, 1910; and Ruth A., born June 29, 1918.

JOSEPH PETER BOUVIER, M. D.—A prominent and successful physician of Worcester County, Massachusetts, is Dr. Joseph Peter Bouvier, who for the past eighteen years has been active in the general practice of medicine at Whitinsville, Massachusetts. A native of Canada and trained for his profession in the foremost institutions of that country, Dr. Bouvier has won success in his chosen field of endeavor, and is counted among the really noteworthy professional men of Worcester County. He is a son of Misael Bouvier, who was born at La Presauton, Province of Quebec. The mother, Leonar (Savage) Bouvier, was born in La Colle, Province of Quebec. She died about twelve years ago.

Dr. Bouvier was born at St. Hyacinthe, Province of Quebec, Canada, July 16, 1880. His education was begun in the local public schools and he later attended St. Hyacinthe Seminary. Thereafter entering McGill University, at Montreal, Canada, he completed his studies at Lavall University, from which he was graduated in 1905 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Coming shortly thereafter to Worcester County, Massachusetts, and settling in Whitinsville, Dr. Bouvier entered the practice of his present profession in this community, following general lines, with obstetrical work predominating and with a large practice in Children's diseases. He early won the esteem and confidence of the people and now has an extensive and constantly growing practice. He is a member of the Whitinsville Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. With his family he is a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Bouvier married Eva L. Ledoux, daughter of Charles Ledoux, of St. Hyacinthe, Canada, and they are the parents of four children, all born in Whitinsville: John M., born August 8, 1906; Gabrielle, born October 22, 1909; Simonne, born April 1, 1912; and Philip, born August 7, 1917.

FRANK G. PHILBIN—In the world of finance in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, Mr. Philbin is winning his way to a position of marked prominence. One of the younger men in this field, his ability and energy are carrying him steadily forward, and his activities are contributing definitely to the welfare and progress of the people. Mr. Philbin is a son of A. J. and Mary E. (Freel) Philbin, his father active as a finisher in the Lancaster Mills of Clinton, Massachusetts.

Frank G. Philbin was born at Clinton, Massachusetts, July 23, 1890. His education comprised the usual public and high school courses in Clinton, and his first position in the business world was that of supervisor in the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Penn-

sylvania, in the New England district. He was thus associated for three years, then became connected with the National Thrift Bond Corporation of New York City as salesman, remaining with them for about three years. Mr. Philbin then associated himself with George F. Redmond & Company, Inc., investment brokers and financial agents, becoming their representative in Providence, Rhode Island. After establishing their interests in that city, the Redmond people assigned Mr. Philbin to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he opened their offices, but later transferred him to Hartford, Connecticut, where he filled similar responsibilities, eventually coming to Worcester for the same purpose. The firm of George F. Redmond & Company, Inc., was organized in Boston about fourteen years ago, and is a concern of the highest standing, widely known in the East. Mr. Philbin opened the Worcester branch of this organization on August 8, 1920, at No. 390 Main Street, Worcester, and has, in the period of less than three years, which has since elapsed, carried this branch to a position of large importance, doing an extensive business in this city and vicinity. Mr. Philbin was instrumental in the circulation of many thrift bonds during the World War, people not financially able to buy bonds outright being permitted to secure them on the partial-payment basis, and in this way many dollars were added to the quota of the city of Worcester. Mr. Philbin is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and attends the Roman Catholic Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mr. Philbin married, on January 5, 1912, Sadie V. Lawler, daughter of John J. and Sadie (McCann) Lawler, and they are the parents of two daughters: Mary Alice, born July 12, 1913; and Anna Irene, born November 12, 1918.

J. WARREN SHEPPARD—As the head of one of the most important manufacturing concerns of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, J. Warren Sheppard is holding a prominent position in the business world of Worcester County. Mr. Sheppard is well equipped to carry forward the line of manufacturing in which he is engaged, and his standing in the industrial world of Worcester is of the highest.

Mr. Sheppard was born in Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, July 13, 1880, and is a son of James E. and Margaret J. (Cross) Sheppard. His education was received in the public and high schools of his birthplace, and his first business experience was as an apprentice to the printer's trade, he entering the employ of Lucius P. Goddard, of Worcester, at the age of thirteen. After four years with him Mr. Sheppard became identified with the Sherman Envelope Company. He was not long with this concern before he was placed in charge of the printing department, then was later promoted to the head of the manufacturing department. Meanwhile, he acquired an interest in the business, but when that business was sold to the United Drug Company Mr. Sheppard organized the company of which he is now the head. The incorporation of the present concern took place on January 10, 1921, and the officers are: J. Warren Sheppard, president; Eugene A. Cahill, vice-president; W. H. Sheppard, treasurer; M. Myra Glazier, assistant treasurer; James E. Sheppard, Harold E. Brewer, Herbert L. Dakin, and Linwood M. Erskine,



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directors. They are active in the manufacture of envelopes—lithographed, printed, and plain—and their capacity is now (1923) 1,200,000 envelopes per day. When the present concern was organized they had only two envelope machines, but at present twenty-five machines are in constant operation, and the volume of the product is increasing daily. As the head of this important company, Mr. Sheppard holds a prominent place in the industrial world of Worcester, and still a young man, gifted with large ability and tireless energy, a bright future unquestionably lies before him. Fraternally he is identified with Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he holds the thirty-second degree, also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Sheppard married Florence E. Vaughn, daughter of Henry and Cora (Dakin) Vaughn, of Worcester.

ALBERT E. HEUSTIS—In electrical circles in Worcester County, Massachusetts, Albert E. Heustis holds a leading position as the head of his own interest, which has been known under the firm name of Albert E. Heustis, Incorporated, for the past seven or eight years. Progressive in spirit and a thoroughly practical man, Mr. Heustis has exerted an influence for advance in his chosen field and holds a leading position in the business world of the city of Fitchburg. He is a son of William H. and Adelaide Maria (Gilpatric) Heustis, his father for many years a prominent manufacturer of paper boxes in Athol, Massachusetts.

Albert E. Heustis was born in Athol, Massachusetts, January 15, 1881. His education was begun in the local public schools, and after the completion of the high school course he apprenticed himself to the electrical business with the Kilton Electric Company, of Webster, Massachusetts. Later Mr. Heustis was active in the same connection with the Sargent, Conant Company, of Boston, leading electrical contractors of that day, who made a specialty of the installation of electric railroads. Mr. Heustis had charge of all overhead construction in their employ and was identified with this firm from 1899 until 1904 inclusive. In December, 1905, he came to Fitchburg to accept a position with the Bruce Hibbard Electric Company of this city, and rising in the organization, he was made shop foreman in June, 1906. Soon afterward Mr. Heustis became associated with Mr. Bruce under the firm name of the Bruce, Heustis Electric Company, and this firm became one of marked prominence in Fitchburg within the next decade. In the year 1916 Mr. Heustis absorbed his partner's interest and has since been active under the present title as above noted. He handles a general line of electrical construction and installation work and has done the electrical work on many of the more important buildings of Fitchburg and vicinity. Not only in his business capacity, but as a man and citizen, Mr. Heustis is esteemed by all with whom he comes in contact. He is a Republican in political affairs, although he has never held office, and in all that pertains to the public advance he endorses and supports progressive effort. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fitchburg; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a prominent member of the Kiwanis

Club, and his religious affiliation is with the Rollstone Congregational Church.

Albert E. Heustis married, on June 1, 1913, Grace B. Kendall, of Somerville, Massachusetts, daughter of George Franklin and Lucy Ada (Shaw) Kendall, the ceremony taking place in Fitchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Heustis are the parents of four children: Albert E., Jr., born April 22, 1914; Lester G., born December 13, 1917; Lucille Adelaide, born February 16, 1919; and Harry Kendall, born September 27, 1921.

OSWALD J. LALIBERTE—At the head of a comprehensive general building and contracting business, the firm also maintaining their own lumber yards, Oswald J. Laliberte holds a leading position in business circles in Southbridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Laliberte is a son of Francois X. Laliberte who was the founder of this interest and is now retired from business after a long and useful career. He was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, September 1, 1862, and has been in business in Southbridge for a period of thirty-five years. The mother, Louise M. (Frappier) Laliberte, was born at Montreal, Canada, and died in the year 1902.

Oswald J. Laliberte was born at Southbridge, April 11, 1890. Receiving a practical education in the local public and high schools, he became associated with his father immediately following the completion of his studies. Familiarizing himself with the business as his father's assistant and actively engaging in all departments of the work, Mr. Laliberte prepared himself for the executive responsibility which he now holds and became a member of the firm in the year 1919. The enterprise has been known since that time under the name of F. X. Laliberte & Son, general building contractors, and in the year 1921, upon the retirement of the founder, Mr. Laliberte took over the entire interest and is continuing it under the same name. This concern handles a very extensive business as contracting builders, being leaders in this field in Southbridge. They also do the moving of buildings, being the only concern equipped for this special line of activity in this vicinity. They have their own lumber yards in connection with the main interest, and while they are doing, more or less in the way of supplying the trade with lumber, they principally absorb their own stock. In his largely responsible position as the head of this interest, Mr. Laliberte is doing much to forward the progress and prosperity of Southbridge and vicinity. While he has not as yet taken any active part in public affairs, he is interested in all that pertains to local progress. Fraternally Mr. Laliberte is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Soci  t   St. Jean Baptiste. His religious affiliation is with the Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church.

Oswald J. Laliberte married, in the year 1918, Helen M. Tennant, and they are the parents of two children, twins: Paul Joseph and Priscilla M., born June 29, 1919. The family home is at No. 55 Everett Street, Southbridge.

IVAR W. ALIN—Among those business men who are holding both executive and official positions at the head of successful manufacturing concerns is Ivar W. Alin, president and manager of the Superior Tool and Manufacturing Company of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Robert W. Alin, father of Mr. Alin, is a native of Sweden, where, after completing his education in the public and high schools, he became a bookkeeper, but later in life was employed as a railroad conductor. When his son, Ivar W., was a small child, he came to this country and worked as a grocery clerk, and at the present time (1923) he is manager of one of the Economy Stores in Worcester. He married Erika W. Tibbelin, in Sweden.

Ivar W. Alin, son of Robert W. and Erika W. (Tibbelin) Alin, was born in Sweden September 21, 1882. He attended school there until he was ten and then attended the public schools of Worcester, Massachusetts, to which city he came with his parents when he was a young child. When his school training was completed he added to his preparations for active life by taking a course in the American School of Correspondence, and by reading and observation he has steadily increased his fund of information and his breadth of outlook. His first position was with the Heywood Boot and Shoe Company, and when he left that concern he entered the employ of the Morgon Construction Company. That connection he maintained for a period of two years, and it was during that time that he learned the machinist's trade. He then widened his experience by three years in the employ of Prentice Brothers and three years with the Norton Grinding Company, at the end of which time he went to Syracuse, New York, where he entered the employ of the Franklin Auto Company as toolmaker. Later he returned to Worcester and found employment in the spring department of the American Steel and Wire Company. He was now an expert mechanic and toolmaker, and when he severed his connection with the American Steel and Wire Company he became superintendent and manager for John L. Parker & Company of Worcester, with whom he remained for five years. After the entrance of the United States into the World War he accepted a position with the Wright-Martin Aircraft Corporation, as tool and gauge maker, in which connection his skill and his general ability enabled him to render valuable service throughout the period of the World War. In October, 1919, Mr. Alin organized the Superior Tool and Manufacturing Company, and as president and manager of that concern engaged in business for himself. Since that time the enterprise has been steadily growing, and is now one of the successful enterprises of its kind in the city of Worcester. The plant is located at No. 116 Exchange Street, and in addition to manufacturing tools for pressed steel work, jigs, and fixtures, also makes special machinery. Mr. Alin is well known in Masonic circles, being a member of all the Scottish Rite bodies, including the consistory, (thirty-second degree), and Salaam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Newark, New Jersey. His religious affiliation is with the First Swedish Baptist Church of Worcester, which he has served as a member of the choir for the last twenty-five years.

On June 24, 1908, at Worcester, Ivar W. Alin married Hildur T. Erickson, daughter of Fridolf Erickson, a native of Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Alin are the parents of four children: Robert, who was born in March, 1910, and died at the age of two weeks; Alice, who was born December 19, 1911; Ingrid, who was born May 13, 1913,

and died when seven years old; and Isabel, who was born February 20, 1916.

MARK L. O'TOOLE—From factory hand to the official and executive positions of treasurer, secretary, and general manager of a prosperous manufacturing concern is the record of Mark L. O'Toole, whose entire active career has been identified with the interests of the B. F. Blodgett Company, engaged in the manufacture of horn and celluloid hair ornaments and knife handles.

Mr. O'Toole was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, September 29, 1878, son of Patrick H. O'Toole, a comb-maker of Leominster, and Mary E. (Daly) O'Toole. He attended the public schools of Leominster and when his grammar school course was completed entered the high school. After finishing his high school course he found his first employment with B. F. Blodgett, and the association with that concern he has maintained to the present time. The firm is engaged in the manufacture of horn hair ornaments and knife handles, and Mr. O'Toole began his connection with them in the capacity of a factory hand. After a time he was promoted to a position of responsibility in the shipping department; in 1900 he was made assistant superintendent, and from 1909-17 was a salesman on the road. Seventeen years later he was made general manager, and in 1918 was elected treasurer of the firm, which official position he still holds. Since 1893 the manufacture of celluloid hair ornaments has taken the place of horn hair ornaments, but the manufacture of horn knife handles has been continued. The products of the concern go to all parts of the country, and the B. F. Blodgett Company have made for themselves an enviable reputation for excellent workmanship and sound business methods. In addition to his responsibilities in connection with the B. F. Blodgett Company, Mr. O'Toole has always taken an active interest in political affairs, and in matters of local public interest. He gives his support to the Democratic party, and for ten years was the efficient chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, serving from 1908 to 1918. When, in 1898, the United States entered into war with Spain because of the Spanish atrocities in Cuba, Mr. O'Toole at once enlisted, and throughout the period of the war served in Porto Rico with the 6th Massachusetts Volunteers. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, being a charter member of his lodge, of which he is now a fourth degree member, Past Grand Knight, and Past District Deputy. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; the United Spanish War Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans. He finds recreation and social intercourse as a member of the Leominster Country Club, and of the Monoosnock Country Club, and his religious membership is with St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church.

Mark L. O'Toole married, on September 30, 1911, at Maynard, Massachusetts, Mary E. Kinsley, daughter of James and Anna (McCarthy) Kinsley. Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole are the parents of six children: Mary E., born September 17, 1912; David L., born February 24, 1914; Richard J., born July 31, 1915; Mark K., born March 25, 1917; Edward B., born April 9, 1919; and Anna E., born October 9, 1920.



Elmer W. Grouch.

LEO J. LAVIN, in the electrical world of Worcester County, Massachusetts, holds a widely prominent position, having been active for the past nine years as the head of his own electrical contracting business, the scope of which includes many important cities of this and nearby States. Mr. Lavin is a progressive, forward-looking young man of the day, thoroughly efficient in his field, and possessed of the business ability which has already won him success, and which will unquestionably carry him far in his chosen field of endeavor. He is a son of Miles D. Lavin, who was born in Ireland and was active in the employ of the American Steel and Wire Company until his death, which occurred in 1905. The mother, Hannah (Boyle) Lavin, was also born in Ireland, and still survives her husband, residing in the city of Worcester.

Leo J. Lavin was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, August 29, 1890. His education was received in the local public and high schools, and upon the completion of his formal studies he entered the electrical field as an employee and apprentice. Mastering the intricacies of this modern science in its practical application, he availed himself of an opportunity to enter the contracting field in the year 1914. Founding the interest which has since been known as the Bancroft Electric Company, he began the inevitable up-hill climb which lies before the enterprising individual who starts out for himself. He was more than successful. The business was first located at No. 97 Pleasant Street, but after one year of activity Mr. Lavin was compelled to seek larger quarters, which he found at No. 85 Pleasant Street. In 1918 the business had grown to such proportions that again expansion was imperative, and the present spacious and desirable location at No. 39 Pleasant Street was secured. In addition to the wholesale and retail distribution of electrical goods of every kind Mr. Lavin does a very extensive business along the line of general electrical engineering, construction and installation. His work is by no means circumscribed by the boundaries of the city of Worcester, but takes him to many points in New England. Some of the more important contracts which he has filled have been for the George E. Keefe Company of Brockton, Massachusetts; for the J. & P. Coats Company of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and the North High School of Worcester. He employs fifty skilled workmen at all times, and frequently is compelled to double his force to take care of his contracts. Mr. Lavin is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Electrical League, and the Massachusetts Contractors' and Employers' Association. His more personal interests include membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and the Commonwealth Club of Worcester. His recreative interests are reflected in his affiliation with the Worcester Country Club, the Worcester Automobile Club, and the Tatassit Canoe Club. He attends the Roman Catholic Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

Leo J. Lavin married, in 1914, Mary A. McNerny, who was born in Worcester, and they are the parents of four children: Leona Mary, Paul James, Philip Vincent, and Leo George.

JOSEPH MORCONE—In one of the most practical branches of business endeavor, Mr. Morcone has

taken a leading place in Milford, Massachusetts. But he is probably more widely known in his extensive activities in connection with the welfare of Italian born Americans in this section, for he has done much to promote their welfare and encourage their Americanization, and as the head of Italia Bank and Steamship Agency he holds a position of international prominence.

Joseph Morcone was born at Castelfranco, Italy, March 3, 1871. He was reared in his native land and educated in its institutions, and at the age of sixteen years came to the United States, locating at once in Milford, Massachusetts, where he soon took a leading position in the public and financial progress of the community. He had been here only two years when, in 1895, he established the Italia Bank and Steamship Agency, of which he has since continuously been the manager. Reaching, as it does, many interests of his fellow countrymen, both here and in their native land, this bank is an institution of more than local significance, and in this activity Mr. Morcone fills an eminently useful position. For many years he has conducted a thriving grocery business, and here, as well as in the bank, he goes forward along the most progressive lines and has won an enviable reputation for commercial integrity and progressive spirit. Mr. Morcone has for many years been a prominent worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and has represented the town of Milford at the Republican State Convention every year for a long period. He is a member of the Town Republican Committee, and has twice been brought forward as a candidate for Selectman. Fraternally Mr. Morcone has been a member of the Tisquantum Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Milford, for thirty years, and he is a leading member of the Hesperia Magna Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Boston. He is one of the foremost members of the Order of the Sons of Italy, and for the past fifteen years has been treasurer of the Societa Operaia Italiana.

Mr. Morcone married, on January 6, 1901, at Boston, Massachusetts, Giovannina De Simone, and they are the parents of nine children: John, Angelo, Lucy, Leo, Mary, Susan, Columbo, Josephine, and Nove.

ELMER W. CROUCH—In the business world of Gardner, Massachusetts, one of the most widely familiar figures is Elmer W. Crouch, who has won his way single handed from the rank and file of business workers to the proprietorship of the Davis Hardware Company of Gardner, one of the largest and most important concerns of its kind in Northern Worcester County. Mr. Crouch is a son of Arthur E. Crouch, who was born at Rindge, New Hampshire, and who as a young man came to Worcester County, locating in Southbridge, where he was employed by the American Optical Company as a gold worker. He died in September, 1884, at the age of thirty-three years, cut down in the flower of his manhood. The mother, Sarah H. (Freeman) Crouch, was born in Webster, Massachusetts, her parents removing to Southbridge in her infancy, where she later was married to Mr. Crouch, in 1878. She still survives her husband, making her home with her son in Gardner.

Elmer W. Crouch was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, April 24, 1883, and his early education was acquired in the grade schools of that community. He

is a graduate of the Gardner High School, class of 1901, but when he was but a lad of nine years he started to work for himself, and never slackened his energies until he reached the goal he has attained to-day. His next business experience was in the employ of the Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company. He filled a position in their shipping department for a period of four years, then was employed in the Greenwood Associates for one year. In 1906 Mr. Crouch accepted a position in the Davis Hardware Company's store and three years later purchased a half interest in the business. Energetic and ambitious, he devoted himself to the interests of the organization to such an extent and to such good effect that in 1916 he was enabled to absorb the entire business, and purchased the interests of his partners, becoming sole proprietor of the store. He has developed it to a point until it is considered the largest hardware business in the county of Worcester compared with any other town or city of the size of Gardner. Mr. Crouch became a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce at the time of its organization, and during the entire subsequent period he has been a member of its board of directors, filling a similar office also for the New England Hardware Dealers' Association and the Atlantic Coast Hardware Association of Boston. He is also a director of the First National Bank of Gardner, and of the Chair Town Coöperative Bank.

Fraternally Mr. Crouch holds membership in Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; he is also a member of the Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Chair City Club, the Oak Hill Country Club of Fitchburg, and the Gardner Boat Club. In political affairs he supports the Republican party, and his religious affiliation is with the Baptist church, in which he is a leading worker, and ex-member of the official board.

Mr. Crouch married, on July 10, 1906, Alice Davis, daughter of J. Walter Davis, former employer of Mr. Crouch, he having been the proprietor of the Davis Hardware Company before selling his interest to the latter. Mr. and Mrs. Crouch have one daughter: Barbara D., now a junior at Gardner High School.

CARRIE EMILY READ, the executive head of one of the noteworthy institutions of Worcester County, as librarian of the Barre Town Library, is bearing a useful part in the local advance. Miss Read is a former school teacher and has served other libraries efficiently and well in a similar capacity to that in which she now is active. She is a daughter of Joseph Henry and Mary Eleanor (Falls) Read, her father a prominent farmer of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, during his lifetime and for many years active as Middlesex County Commissioner.

Carrie Emily Read was born at Westford, Massachusetts, and is a graduate of Westford Academy, also of the Amherst Summer School of Library Economy. Following the completion of her education Miss Read taught school for two terms, then accepted the position of librarian of the J. V. Fletcher Library, of Westford, which she filled for twelve years. Thereafter for seven

months she served as acting librarian of the public library of Keene, New Hampshire, then came to Barre as librarian of the Barre Town Library in the year 1903. She has since served in this responsible position with marked efficiency, and her broad familiarity with literature has given her wide influence in the educational advance of this community. Miss Read is a member of the Massachusetts Library Club, the Bay Path Library Club, and the American Library Association. She is identified with the Congregational church, and is a worker in all the social and benevolent activities of the church.

ALBERT JOSEPH LANOIE—One of the widely prominent professional and business men of Worcester County, Massachusetts, is Albert Joseph Lanoie, of Webster, who is an expert optometrist with a large and prosperous practice, and is also interested in the distribution of motor cars under the firm name of the Lanoie Motor Company. A native of the Province of Quebec, Canada, Mr. Lanoie has been a resident of the United States for upwards of twenty-five years, and prepared for his professional work in an American college. He is a son of Louis M. and Mary L. (Brouillard) Lanoie, his father a prominent grocer of Fall River, Massachusetts.

Albert Joseph Lanoie was born at Saint Marcel, Province of Quebec, Canada, September 21, 1883. His education was begun at Saint Hyacinthe, Quebec, and after the completion of his high school course, the family removing to Massachusetts and settling at Fall River, he completed his studies at American institutions, covering his classical course at Fordham University, and his professional course at the Philadelphia Optical College, from which he was graduated in 1901 with the degree of Doctor of Optometry. His first professional experience was in association with a leading optician of Arctic, Rhode Island, after which he returned to Fall River, where he became assistant to Dr. Hudd, of that city, a physician specializing on the eye. At St. Ann's Hospital, at Fall River, where Dr. Hudd was in charge of eye work, Dr. Lanoie acted as assistant and gained a very extensive and enviable experience. Coming to Webster, Massachusetts, in the year 1906 Dr. Lanoie established his own office and has since been very active in eye testing and the grinding and fitting of glasses. In the year 1917 Dr. Lanoie formed a further business affiliation, becoming agent for the Chevrolet automobile, and in 1921 took over the agency also for both the Essex and the Hudson cars. He details much of the responsibility of this interest to his employees but keeps in close touch with the business, and is becoming very widely known in the motoring world. In 1923 he erected a garage and salesroom at the corner of Main Street and Schofield Avenue, costing about \$35,000.

Dr. Lanoie is a member of the American Optical Association, the Massachusetts Optical Association, and is one of the foremost members of the Club Gagnon of Webster. He served this organization for six and one-half years as president and for three years as director, and was a prime mover in the raising of funds for the erection of a new building, which now is the club's headquarters. He is also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, was the organizing dictator of Lakeside

Lodge, of Webster, and served as District Deputy in 1915; is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, the Franco-American Foresters, the Knights of the Golden Cross, and the Societe St. Jean de Baptiste, and is a member of the Grand Army Associates. He attends the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart.

Dr. Lanoie married, in Arctic, Rhode Island, Virginia Parent, of Arctic, Rhode Island, daughter of Charles and Virginia (Lorcque) Parent, and they have one daughter, Mary Alice.

JAMES H. NOONAN—Representative not only of the progressive city of which he is a resident, but of the large group of aggressive young men of high ideals and forward-looking spirit, who are giving such an impetus to the industrial advance of the day, James H. Noonan, treasurer of the Gardner Upholstered Furniture Company, Inc., is contributing definitely to the progress of the community of the industrial life of which this enterprise forms a part.

James J. Noonan, Mr. Noonan's father, was well known both East and West for many years as a shipper of horses. He was born at Otter River, Massachusetts, and educated in this State. He spent long periods of time in the Far West, buying horses and shipping to Gardner, Massachusetts, where his interests in the East centred. Engaged in his line of business throughout his active life, he is now retired from all business interests, and resides in Gardner. He married Catherine Ann Daly, who was born in Dorchester, Iowa, and she is also still living.

James H. Noonan was born at Madison, South Dakota, March 1, 1893. His education was begun in the public schools of Gardner, Massachusetts, and he is a graduate of the Gardner High School of the class of 1911. Then spending one year at the Holy Cross College, at Worcester, Massachusetts, he returned to Gardner and entered the office of a leading chair manufacturing concern of this place, the S. K. Pierce & Son Company. He was identified with the progress of this firm as a member of the office force for a period of seven and one-half years. It was during his connection with this industrial organization that the United States intervened in the World War and created the great need of efficient service along special lines. Mr. Noonan enlisted in September, 1918, and was assigned to the Ordnance Department of the United States Army. He was stationed first at Fort Slocum, New York, then was later transferred to the finance division of the same department at Boston. In this connection the responsibility of signing all vouchers of this important department for the Boston district fell upon him, and he continued in this capacity until March, 1919, when he received his honorable discharge from the service. Upon his return to civilian life Mr. Noonan was active in the Pierce interests for a few months, then formed his affiliation with the young men with whom he is active in the present concern.

At the organization of the Gardner Upholstered Furniture Company, Inc., Mr. Noonan was made treasurer and manager of the concern, Thomas F. Denney becoming the president, and William A. Earle, vice-president. In the few years which have since elapsed, this concern has attained a high position in the manufacturing world

of New England, gaining the reputation of making the finest upholstered furniture in this part of the country. They make a specialty of over-stuffed furniture for the drawing room or living room, but produce nothing but the most beautiful and artistic suites. In 1922 the company established a sales and show room in Boston. The fact that they are the one firm in New England chosen to exhibit at the "Home Beautiful" show in Boston, in April, 1923, appraises the standard of artistic value which attaches to their product. In 1923 extensive improvements were made, quadrupling their floor space. In March, 1921, when the members of this corporation organized the Hubbardston Chair Company, Mr. Noonan was made president of this enterprise, and under his capable leadership this business has already developed into a thriving and widely recognized interest, having reached an assured basis, on an equal footing with many of its older competitors. This company manufactures wood seat chairs in great variety, with special side lines which can be handled to advantage in this connection. The young men who are going forward together in these two concerns have added materially to the prosperity and dignity of the two communities in which they are located, and to the county of which these communities form a part. They are rightly numbered among the really significant figures of the day in Worcester County, and will unquestionably mean more and more to the public advance and to the field of endeavor in which they are engaged as time passes. It is such young men as these who have made the city of Gardner what she is to-day, and who are carrying the county of Worcester ever forward in the march of progress.

Mr. Noonan is a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Knights of Columbus, and is an active and popular member of Gardner Post, American Legion, of Chamber of Commerce, Oakhill Country Club, Massachusetts Home Furnishers' Association, and American Homes Bureau. He is still single.

A. JUDSON LAYTHE—One of the oldest names among the merchants of Clinton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, is that of Laythe, and for nearly sixty years that name has been associated with the retail shoe business there and in other cities in the State of Massachusetts. As treasurer and general manager of the G. W. Laythe Shoe Company, Inc., one of the largest retail shoe corporations in the East, A. Judson Laythe is a prominent figure in the retail shoe trade of the State. Through the five stores which the concern has established in different cities throughout the State, the corporation reaches a vast number of the purchasing public, and its patronage is steadily growing.

Gilman W. Laythe, father of Mr. Laythe, and founder of the business, was born in Newport, Vermont, November 28, 1838, but moved to Bolton, Massachusetts, when about ten years of age, where he received his education in the public schools of that city. Upon the completion of his school training he found employment in one of the many shoe factories in that part of the State, and continued as an employee in that industry for several years, learning thoroughly all the various processes of the art of making shoes. After returning from the Civil War in 1866, having gained the necessary

experience and thriftily saved a fair proportion of his earnings, he decided to engage in the retail shoe business for himself. He bought a small shoe and repair store on Union Street, in Clinton, where he remained until 1884, when larger quarters became necessary in order that he might meet the requirements of his rapidly growing trade. In that year he removed to No. 20 High Street, where the business continued to grow, and by 1906 had so expanded that it was deemed advisable to incorporate. This was done under the corporate name of the G. W. Laythe Shoe Company, Inc., with G. W. Laythe as president; A. J. Laythe, treasurer; and Walter R. Darne, secretary. In the meantime, in 1915, the present quarters were taken over, and general offices also established. Later David C. Nickerson was elected president, which office he continued to efficiently fill until his death, in October, 1922. At the present time (1923) the officers of the corporation are as follows: Warren Goodale, of Leominster, Massachusetts, president; Dr. Walter P. Bowers, vice-president; A. J. Laythe, treasurer; and Walter R. Darne, clerk. The business has far outgrown the limitations of a one-store concern and has become well known in the shoe trade as one of the large retail shoe corporations in the East. Besides the store in Clinton, it has established four other retail stores, one in each of the following cities, Fitchburg Greenfield, Northampton, and Leominster, all in Massachusetts, and its offices, as well as the original retail store, are located in Clinton. The company deals mostly in medium high-grade shoes, and has made for itself an enviable reputation both for the quality of its goods and for its honest business methods. Gilman W. Laythe, founder of the business, was a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served as a private in Company C, 5th Massachusetts Volunteers, for a period of three years, at the end of which time, having been wounded in action, he was honorably discharged because of his wounds. He had been a member of Company C, the Clinton Guards, prior to the war. He was a member of Post No. 64, Grand Army of the Republic, in the activities of which he maintained a deep interest to the time of his death, which occurred April 5, 1915. He married Sarah Ann Norris Dodge, who was born in Wenham, Massachusetts, in 1841, and died in 1901, daughter of Ira Dodge.

A. Judson Laythe, son of Gilman W. and Sarah Ann Norris (Dodge) Laythe, was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, April 7, 1871, and received his education in the public schools of his native city and in the Bryant & Stratton Business School of Boston. Upon the completion of his business course he became associated with his father in the retail shoe business, and in 1906, when the company was incorporated, he was made treasurer and general manager of the corporation. Those important official and executive positions he has continued to hold to the present time (1923), and his energy and ability have been important factors in the steady growth and prosperity of the concern. In addition to his business interests and responsibilities Mr. Laythe has found time for fraternal and club associations, and for military service. He is a member of Clinton Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of the Sons of Veterans, Camp 19; also of the Clinton Historical Society. He is well known in club circles, being a member and past president of the Prescott Club; member of

the Fay Club of Fitchburg; Oak Hill Country Club, of which he is a charter member; and the Greenfield Club. He is also a member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and his religious affiliation is with the Baptist church of Clinton. During the World War, 1917-1918, he served as a member of the Clinton Rifles. Mr. Laythe takes deep and active interest in the advancement of the public welfare of the city of Clinton, and freely gives his support to all projects which he considers to be wisely planned for the attainment of that end. Automobiling and walking are Mr. Laythe's chief recreations.

A. Judson Laythe married, on September 23, 1902, Nellie J. Maynard, who was born in Empire Prairie, Missouri, daughter of Emerson and Ellen (Howland) Maynard. Mr. and Mrs. Laythe are the parents of one son, Arthur G., who was born May 7, 1911.

FREDERICK HENRY BERGER, LL. B., a member of a family long identified with the industrial life of Webster, Massachusetts, has been active professionally in this, the community of his birth, for more than thirty years. His prominence has given him wide influence in various branches of community and fraternal endeavor, and in professional and also social advance he is a leading figure of Webster. Mr. Berger is a son of Frederick H. C. Berger, who was a designer and weaver in the employ of S. Slater & Sons practically throughout his active lifetime, for many years in charge of that department. In this field of activity he was highly skilled and inherited his artistic taste from his father and grandfather, having followed the same line of business effort. Frederick H. C. Berger entered service in the Civil War as player of bass horn in the band of the 21st Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and served for a year and a half, when Congress passed a law disbanding all bands. He was home about a year when he reënlisted in Company D, 56th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, and took part in the grand review at Washington. He died June 21, 1918, but the mother, Louise E. Redemann, still survives him. Her father, Godfrey Redemann, was a member of Company I, 15th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Antietam.

Frederick Henry Berger was born in Webster, Massachusetts, May 12, 1866. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following his high school course he entered the office of Peter T. Carroll, in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he read law for one year. Thereafter entering Boston University School of Law, he completed his professional preparations at that institution, from which he was graduated in the class of 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of his native State on February 2, 1892, Mr. Berger continued in association with Mr. Carroll for a year and a half. At the same time he maintained an office in Webster, which he opened in March, 1892, and upon his withdrawing from the partnership with Mr. Carroll he devoted his entire attention to his interests in Webster and soon developed a thriving and lucrative practice. Mr. Berger's ability as a lawyer very naturally brought him much into the public eye, and his activity as an enthusiastic supporter of the Republi-



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can party resulted in his being early brought into the public service. For nine years he served as Overseer of the Poor; since the year 1898 he has been clerk of the courts at Webster, and his efficient and progressive service in this connection have done much for the prosperity and security of the people. Mr. Berger acts as counsel for the Massachusetts Division of the Sons of Veterans, and during the World War was very active in all movements in support of the American Expeditionary Forces. He served as secretary of the Committee of Public Safety, and as a "four-minute" speaker did much for the many drives then in progress, also served on all committees of the loan drives and was a member of the Legal Advisory Board. Fraternally he is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar Association, the Worcester County Bar Association, the Southern Worcester Bar Association. He is further a member of E. P. Morton Camp, No. 85, Sons of Veterans; Slater Camp, No. 59, Spanish War Veterans, and the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Berger is a member of St. Louis' Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Berger married Minnie E. Roche, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, daughter of Redmond and Mary (Farington) Roche, her father a Civil War veteran and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

WILLIAM HENRY SAWYER—A venerable figure in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, is William Henry Sawyer, who has throughout a long and honored lifetime been connected with saw mill and lumber activities, and is now president of the W. H. Sawyer Lumber Company of Worcester. Mr. Sawyer has built his success on practical foundations, and in his development of the present enterprise he has contributed largely to the general welfare and advance of this section, as well as achieving remarkable success. Mr. Sawyer has been a noteworthy figure in local advance along other lines as well, serving the people faithfully in civic affairs.

William Henry Sawyer was born at Bath, New Hampshire, August 8, 1843. Receiving his education in country schools in that section, he began life in association with his father, who was a farmer by occupation, but maintained at the same time saw mill interests in that part of the State. Coming to Worcester, Massachusetts, as a young man, Mr. Sawyer entered the lumber business, and beginning in a small way, has developed one of the most important interests of its kind in Worcester County. Handling lumber and mill work of every kind at retail and wholesale, he has been at the head of the enterprise from its inception and is still president. The incorporation of the concern was effected in the year 1895, and Mr. Sawyer's son, William Henry Sawyer, Jr., holds large executive responsibility in the organization. For some years William Henry Sawyer was a director of the Worcester Trust Company, and he has long been influential in financial and well as business advance. He was a member of the Board of Aldermen of Worcester in 1888 and 1889, and a member of the Worcester Park Commission for several years, and was chairman of the committee in charge of building the present Worcester City Hall, which was turned over to the city in 1898. In all that pertains to municipal progress he bears a worthy and constructive part. Fraternally, Mr. Sawyer holds membership in Athelstan Lodge, Free and Ac-

cepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; and Lawrence Chapter of Rose Croix. He is a member of the Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, also the Commonwealth Club, and attends the Plymouth Congregational Church.

William Henry Sawyer married, in 1870, Frances Weld, and they were the parents of five children: Alice, wife of Ralph L. Morgan; Anna Weld, Helen J., wife of Frank D. Lisle; Gertrude M., wife of Charles L. Morse; and William Henry, Jr., whose biography follows:

WILLIAM HENRY SAWYER, JR.—In a field of advance vitally affecting the physical development and growth of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, and this general section, William Henry Sawyer, Jr., holds a prominent position, and, in association with his honored father, fills a broadly useful place in commercial affairs to-day. Mr. Sawyer has various other responsibilities as well, and is considered one of the thoroughly representative men of the day in this city. He is a son of William Henry, Sr., and Frances (Weld) Sawyer, his father's career reviewed in the preceding sketch.

William Henry Sawyer, Jr., was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, June 4, 1886. Receiving his early education in the local elementary and grammar schools, he attended the Worcester Classical High School, then following his preparatory course at the Hotchkiss School he entered Williams College, where he completed his studies. From the beginning of his business career Mr. Sawyer was active with his father in the lumber business, and learning the details of the industry by the practical method of experience he early assumed executive responsibility and was made treasurer and general manager of the W. H. Sawyer Lumber Company. He has led the interest to a high degree of usefulness and prominence, and in his present position commands the esteem and confidence of the people of Worcester. The world of finance of Worcester has, for a number of years, counted William Henry Sawyer, Jr., among the progressive executives in its advance, and he acts as a director of the Worcester Bank and Trust Company, also fills the same position in the Worcester Morris Plan Bank, and is a trustee of the Worcester County Institution for Savings. He is well known in social circles, being a member of the Worcester Club, Tatnuck Country Club, and the University Club. His religious affiliation is with the First Unitarian Church.

William Henry Sawyer, Jr., married, in Leicester, Massachusetts, April 19, 1913, Dorothy Winslow, daughter of the Hon. Samuel E. and Bertha (Russell) Winslow, and they are the parents of three children: Dorothy Ann, William Henry (3), and John Edward.

WILLARD F. KEITH, in meeting the needs of the people, is bearing a noteworthy part and thereby contributing in a permanent way to the health and welfare of the family, his field of distribution being milk. Mr. Keith is a well known figure in Worcester County, Massachusetts, and is a prominent executive also in the local public service of West Boylston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Keith is a lineal descendant of an old and noble Scottish family, the Keiths of Scotland in the fifteenth century being very prominent and wealthy, the head of

the family holding the title of Earl Marshal of Scotland for many generations. Rev. James Keith was born in Scotland in 1643, and came to America in 1661, thus establishing the family in the New World. The line, in direct descent, comes down to Royal Keith, the great-great-grandson of Rev. James Keith. Royal Keith removed to Grafton, Massachusetts, upon the death of his father in the Revolutionary War, and apprenticed himself to the shoemaker's trade. He followed this vocation all his life with marked success. In 1797 he purchased a farm in the southern part of Grafton, and during the following thirty-five years he acquired other adjoining farms until he was the owner of a five hundred acre estate, now known as "Keith Hill." Royal Keith's son, Royal Adams Keith, and his son, John Fisher Keith, continued as agriculturists on the homestead until the last-named scion of the house removed to West Boylston in 1901. John Fisher Keith was married, in 1886, to Anna Augusta Fay, a daughter of Jasper Fay, of Westboro, Massachusetts, and to them were born six sons and one daughter.

Willard F. Keith, the third son of John Fisher and Anna Augusta (Fay) Keith, was born at Grafton, Massachusetts, on June 4, 1895. The family removing to West Boylston when he was six years of age, his education was received in the public and high schools of this community. His career was begun on his father's farm, where he was employed until September 1, 1917, when he established an independent business in the retail distribution of milk. He operates a model dairy, well known as "The Pinecroft Dairy," and with the most approved methods of handling his product he has won a high reputation for excellence in this commodity. A vital food product as this is, Mr. Keith's careful attention to the details of the business, and his progressive spirit and attitude in it, form an influence which counts in no slight degree for the welfare and prosperity of the people. In February, 1923, Mr. Keith was elected Selectman of the town of West Boylston, but has otherwise never been active in public affairs, although deeply interested in all that pertains to present-day advance. During the World War he was a member of a West Boylston company of the Massachusetts State Guard. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Patrons of Husbandry. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Willard F. Keith married, June 1, 1922, Edith Marion Howe, a daughter of Thomas Walter and Maud (Graham) Howe, respected residents of Holden.

RUSSELL READ COES holds a responsible executive position in the commercial world of Worcester, Massachusetts, and is counted among the successful men of this city. In his present interests he is finding useful the extensive experience which he has gained through earlier business activities both in America and abroad. A veteran of the World War, Mr. Coes is widely popular in military circles, and he stands among the thoroughly representative men of the day in Worcester County. He is a son of Frank Loring and Cora (Keith) Coes, his father a well-known manufacturer of wrenches and a member of one of the oldest families in Worcester County.

Russell Read Coes was born in the city of Worcester,

Massachusetts, August 26, 1894. His education was acquired in the local public and high schools, and his first employment was with the Hendee Manufacturing Company of Springfield, Massachusetts, in their engineering department. He was active for two years in this connection, after which he was promoted to assistant service manager, then became identified with their export sales department. In this capacity Mr. Coes was called to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries, and in the course of his work in this connection he spent three years in London, England. It was there that war conditions in Europe found him, and as soon as the United States entered the war he hastened home to join the army of his native country. He was commissioned second lieutenant in the Ordnance Department of the United States Army. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to civil life and resumed his position with the Hendee Manufacturing Company, but in October, 1921, resigned and returned to Worcester. His purpose was to establish an independent interest in the distribution of motor cars, and after preliminary arrangements the St. Clair Motor Company was organized in January, 1922, Mr. Coes becoming manager. This company in the comparatively short period which has since elapsed has developed a very extensive interest, handling the Hudson and Essex cars, as distributor for the Worcester district. In his position as manager, Mr. Coes has been largely responsible for the rapid growth of the enterprise, and with the experience which he has behind him, added to his natural executive ability, the future of this concern looks even brighter than the record which it has thus far made. Mr. Coes is prominent in club circles, being a member of the Worcester, Worcester County, Commonwealth, Tatnuck Country, and Quinsigamond Boat Clubs. He is a member of the Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Mr. Coes married, at London, England, January 7, 1920, Marjorie Bridgman, daughter of Ernest Ashford and Casandra (Frasetti) Bridgman.

WINFIELD W. WOODWARD, one of the most useful citizens in Athol, Massachusetts, has devoted much of his time and thought to civic matters which has resulted in much good to the community. He is a prominent business man and identified with financial affairs.

Winfield W. Woodward is a son of Charles W. and Louisa P. (Cook) Woodward, the latter a native of New York State, and was born at Athol, Massachusetts, September 6, 1863. His father, though born at Warwick, Massachusetts, spent his entire lifetime in Athol, where as a carpenter and builder he is responsible for the construction of the larger buildings there. Mr. Woodward obtained his education in the public schools of Athol, Massachusetts, and began his business career in railroad bridge construction. For twenty-two years he continued in that line of work and rose to be general foreman before changing his vocation to the automobile business, in which for five years he was superintendent of the Grout Automobile Company of Orange, Massachusetts, a concern manufacturing steam automobiles. At that time he purchased the Weber Lumber Company, in 1911, and has continued the business since.

Mr. Woodward is a director of the Athol Coöperative Bank. He was a Selectman for seven years as a Re-



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publican member, also Supervisor of Highways, and served as a member of the majority of Town Committees, the most important of which was the Committee of Three that were instrumental in having the Athol bridge built. In fact he has been very active in public affairs for the past twelve years. During the World War he was chairman of the Executive Board of the Public Safety Commission. He is a member of the Athol Board of Trade and chairman of the Public Service Committee 1923. Fraternally he is affiliated with Star Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Harris Council, Royal Select Masters; Athol Commandery, Knights Templar; Oriental Temple of Troy, New York, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and socially is a member of the Poquaug Club. He is a member of the Second Unitarian Church.

Mr. Woodward was united in marriage, in 1891, at Hoosick Falls, New York, with Helen E. Clark, a daughter of John and Alice (Harlan) Clark, of Hoosick Falls. To this union two children were born: Helena Blanche, born at Hoosick Falls, in 1896, married Frederick P. Bulman, and has one child, Winifred Helena; and Marion Elizabeth, born in 1902 at Athol, is an instructor at the Hartford, Connecticut School of Music.

RUSSELL D. WASS, D. M. D.—Among the younger generation of practicing dentists in Leominster, Massachusetts, is Dr. Wass, who is widely associated with social, fraternal, and professional organizations. His father, Gilbert H. Wass, was born in Harrington, Maine, and is now head of the Leominster Creamery and Paige-Jewett Motor Company. His mother, Lillian M. (Dickson) Wass, is also a native of Harrington, Maine.

Russell D. Wass was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, August 30, 1898, and educated in the public and high schools there before receiving his degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine upon graduating from Harvard University in 1919. In that same year he bought the business of Dr. Albert H. Ward, who continues with him as an associate dentist, and is located in the Richardson Building.

Fraternally Dr. Wass is a Mason, and a member in that order of all bodies of Scottish and York Rites, including the Shrine and Eastern Star; and of Delta Sigma Delta fraternity of the Harvard Dental School. He is affiliated with the following clubs: Leominster, Masonic, Colonial, and Monoosnock Country. He is a member of the National Dental Society, Wachusett Dental Society, and the Massachusetts State Dental Society. He was a captain of cadets in the Leominster High School in 1916, and sergeant in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps during the World War. He attends the Unitarian church in his city.

Dr. Wass married, September 21, 1923, Doris E. Wilson, born in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, but went to Leominster with her parents when nine years old. She is the daughter of Edward and Elinor (Whitmore) Wilson, both living in Leominster. Mrs. Wass is also a member of the Monoosnock Country Club and the Eastern Star, being Marshal (1923) of the latter. She graduated from the Leominster High School in the same class (1916) as her husband.

ROBY HOWARD SAFFORD, owner and proprietor of the Safford Jewelry Store, in the Columbia Block, has been a resident of Leominster, Massachusetts, since 1889. He was born at Holliston, Massachusetts, June 9, 1869, son of Henry Howard and Sarah Emma (Todd) Safford. His parents were residents of Hudson, Massachusetts, during Mr. Safford's boyhood, and his father was employed as foreman at one of the leading shoe factories at Hudson.

Mr. Safford received his education in the public schools of Hudson. He early decided to make himself the master of some practical trade, and having a keen eye, a ready hand, and a taste for working with gold and precious stones, he determined to become a jeweler. He had no difficulty in associating himself with H. E. French, a well-known jeweler of Hudson, as an apprentice, and set to work with all his heart to learn the trade. He made rapid progress and was gradually entrusted with the execution of more difficult commissions, such as the repairing of fine watches and the setting or remounting of stones. After having served a long and diligent apprenticeship under Mr. French, Mr. Safford decided to enter the field of business for himself. Accordingly in 1889, although he was only twenty years old, he came to Leominster and opened a high-class jewelry establishment in the old Coburn Building. His thorough knowledge of his trade, the careful study he had given to the mercantile elements of the jewelry business such as sources of supply, varying grades of workmanship, and the various specialties of different countries, as for instance, the master craftsmanship of the Swiss watchmakers and the world preëminence of the diamond cutters of Amsterdam, enabled him to achieve a substantial success from the very beginning. His business grew and he soon became widely known as one of the most progressive and energetic business men in Leominster. He retained his store in the Coburn Building until 1898, when the Columbia Block was erected, and he moved to his present establishment in that block. His business has increased with the passing of time, and he is now a recognized leader in mercantile thought and progress in the town.

In politics Mr. Safford is a Republican. He takes the greatest interest in public affairs and is a vigorous supporter of constructive legislative policies, especially in so far as they relate to the betterment of trade conditions throughout the country. In 1913 Mr. Safford was one of the founders of the Massachusetts Retail Jewelers' Association, and served on its executive committee for two years. In religious faith Mr. Safford is a member of the Unitarian Church. He is a Mason of long standing and holds membership in various Masonic bodies. He also belongs to the Leominster Club, and takes an active part in the work of that organization.

Mr. Safford married, on August 30, 1892, at Leominster, Lillian F. French, daughter of H. G. and Ann Mira (Randall) French. Mr. and Mrs. Safford have five children: Mildred, born July 14, 1893, now Mrs. Barnard; Herman French, a sketch of whom follows; Margaret Mildred, born January 30, 1901; Robert Hall, born September 8, 1913; and Marion Louise, born August 4, 1915.

HERMAN FRENCH SAFFORD, eldest son of Roby Howard and Lillian F. (French) Safford, was born at Leominster, Massachusetts, August 19, 1894. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from Leominster High School in 1912, going thence to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, whence he was graduated B. S. in mechanical engineering. He then pursued a special course in advanced ordnance engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1922-23.

In 1917 he enlisted in the United States Army and has held successively the rank of second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and captain of the Coast Artillery Corps, of the United States Army, and at the present time is captain in the Ordnance Department of the United States Army, in fact, he has held an officer's commission in the United States Army during his entire professional career. During the war with Germany he served with the 51st Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps, of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, from December, 1917, to June, 1918, in the Toul Sector; and with the 60th Regiment, Coast Artillery Company, June, 1918, to December, 1918, participating in the entire St. Mihiel and Argonne Offensives. From the Armistice until returning to the United States in June, 1919, he was attached to Headquarters Base No. 2, at Bordeaux, in charge of the Bureau of Athletics, Welfare, and Entertainment.

Captain Safford is a member of Epsilon Chapter, Theta Chi fraternity, and president of the chapter in 1917; member of "Skull," the senior society of "Worcester Tech," and treasurer of the society in 1917; and member of the Army and Navy Club.

He married, in Bordeaux, France, Odette Cecile Riviere, daughter of Lucien and Louise Riviere. Captain and Mrs. Safford are the parents of a daughter, Simone Cecile, born June 19, 1921.

CAPTAIN ELBERT MONROE CROCKETT—

In the business world of Milford, Massachusetts, Captain Crockett is a noteworthy figure, but his prominence in this connection is only one phase of a well rounded life, devoted to the welfare and progress of the day, for in many branches of human endeavor Captain Crockett holds a leading position. His military record is one of honor and distinction, his public services are such as the people of his residence town look upon with pride, and he is very widely affiliated with fraternal advance. Coming of an old Massachusetts family distinguished in every generation by men prominent in the public service, Mr. Crockett is a son of Gustavious and Laura (Munyon) Crockett, his father a leading figure in the business and public life of Medway, Massachusetts, for the past twenty years at the head of a prosperous painting and contracting business and for many years chairman of the Medway Republican Committee.

Elbert M. Crockett was born at Northbridge, Massachusetts, August 14, 1871. His education comprised the practical course of the local public schools of Medway, and as a young man he became associated with his father in the work of a painting contractor. Continuing with his father for a number of years, he later spent a few years with the Draper Manufacturing Company of Hopedale, Massachusetts, then in 1901 located in Milford and established his present business in the line

of contract painting. Highly skilled himself, Mr. Crockett employs only workmen of the highest class, and constantly new evidences of his standing in his trade are seen in the town of Milford and vicinity.

Captain Crockett's war record began with his enlistment in the 6th Regiment, Massachusetts National Guard, on January 18, 1892, and he served with this body until December 8, 1903. Reënlisting on that date, he has been identified with the National Guard continuously since, and from time to time has received the promotions won by his consistent and devoted service. When the United States entered the World War his unit of the National Guard was called into the Federal service, and with the rank of captain, he went with Company D, 101st Supply Train, to France. There he served for nineteen months on various of the most important fronts as follows: St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Montdidier Noyon, and at the Toul sector. He was returned to the United States with his company and still retains his rank. Since his return to the interests of civilian life Captain Crockett has been brought forward in public service in a way which well appraises his popularity among the people. In 1921 he was elected to the Massachusetts State House of Representatives, and his record during his first year of service as a legislator was such that he was elected again in 1922, and in 1923 was again returned to the legislative halls of the State. His activity at the Capitol has included much important committee work, and large affairs have been placed in his hands. He is now a member of the Board of Public Safety of Massachusetts, and also acts as clerk on military affairs. Captain Crockett has given to his public service the same intelligent and devoted effort which has made his business career a success and which won him distinction in his military activities. In local circles he is well known as the Chief of the Milford Fire Department, and he is an influential member of the Milford Chamber of Commerce.

Fraternally he is largely prominent, holding membership in Montgomery Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Lebanon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Knights Templar, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 628, in which he holds the office of Esteemed Lecturing Knight; the Foresters of America; and the Knights of Pythias, of which last-named order he is Past Grand Departmental Patriarch. He is also a noted official in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having served as Past Noble Grand of his lodge; is now Past District Deputy of the order. He is a leading member and was first commander of John Powers Post, American Legion, of Milford. In such a life as that of Captain Crockett, the younger men of the present generation may well find an example to follow. Sincere, high minded, and devoted to his duty as it is presented to him in any phase of life, Captain Crockett is thoroughly representative of the best type of American citizenship.

Captain Crockett married, on June 2, 1903, at Woonsocket, Rhode Island, Marie R. Force, daughter of Hattie and Emmanus Force. Mr. and Mrs. Crockett are the parents of four children: Earl G., Blanch, Laura, and Elbert.

JAMES H. P. DYER—Among the successful attorneys at law in the city of Leominster, Massachusetts, is

Mr. Dyer, whose ability was recognized by Mayor Sawtelle and resulted in his appointment to the office of City Solicitor. He has administered the functions pertaining to this public office and carried on his private practice at the same time, and is an esteemed citizen of Leominster.

James H. P. Dyer is a son of Bernard and Catherine (Power) Dyer. The mother, who was born at Waterford, Ireland, is living, but the father died October 20, 1914. He was a native of Riverstown, Ireland, and after coming to this country served with the United States Marines as a private during the Civil War. Twice wounded in action, he was made a prisoner and taken to Libby Prison on one occasion, though he escaped later. He had been a member of Stevens Post, No. 54, Grand Army of the Republic, of Leominster. Mr. Dyer was born March 28, 1875, at Leominster, where he completed the high school course and then studied law at Boston University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896. For one year following his graduation he remained in the law office of Norcross, Baker & Parker, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and was admitted to the Worcester County bar, beginning the practice of law in Leominster. He has continuously followed his profession in this city, with offices in the Nickerson Block.

He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus; also of the Leominster Club, Leominster Country Club, Monoosnock Country Club, and the Bass Point Club. His political career began with the appointment on the Commission to Apportion the Expense of Suffolk County, which was made by Governor Foss, serving with the late Judge Bampus and ex-Mayor Hayes, of Springfield. In 1915 he was appointed by the Supreme Court to apportion the expenses of the Metropolitan Park District, with Judge Robert O. Harris and ex-District Attorney George S. Taft. He was nominated for the office of Town Counsel for Leominster in 1912, and appointed City Solicitor in 1916. In religion he is a Roman Catholic and member of St. Leo Roman Catholic Church of Leominster.

Mr. Dyer was married, on October 2, 1902, to Alice J. Chadwick, who was born in Leominster.

HIRAM L. REYNOLDS—In the industrial world of Saundersville, Massachusetts, Hiram L. Reynolds holds a prominent position as agent in charge of the Saunders Cotton Mill of this town, also having oversight of the Whitinsville Cotton Mill at Whitinsville, Massachusetts. He has spent his lifetime in the textile industry, preparing for his work in one of the leading technical schools of New England, and is counted among the successful and influential executives of Southern Worcester County. He is a son of John Q. Reynolds, who was born in Milford, Massachusetts, and was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in that struggle for a period of three years. John Q. Reynolds was by occupation a carpenter. He was a man of prominence in the community of Whitinsville, of which he was a resident for many years. He married Laura A. Leland a native of Douglass, Massachusetts.

Hiram L. Reynolds was born in Whitinsville, Massachusetts, July 28, 1875. Beginning his education in the

local public schools, he also attended Whitinsville High School, and determining upon the textile industry as the field of his business endeavor, he entered the Lowell Textile School of Lowell, Massachusetts, where he gained a comprehensive and practical preparation for his work, graduating in 1900. Upon the completion of his education Mr. Reynolds entered the Linwood Mill in Whitinsville, where he was employed for three years, after which he accepted a position as foreman in the Merrimack Mill of Lowell, Massachusetts, and was active in that connection for a period of ten years. Returning to Worcester County in October, 1906, Mr. Reynolds took up the duties of agent for the Saunders Cotton Mills at Saundersville, the responsibilities of the Whitinsville Cotton Mill also being placed in his charge as superintendent. He has carried forward this double interest efficiently and successfully since, and his ability as an executive has placed him among the really important men of Southern Worcester County. He is a member of the Textile Club of Boston; the Southern New England Textile Club, and is president of the Blackstone Valley Mills Association. Fraternally he is identified with all the Masonic bodies, both York and Scottish Rite, also the Mystic Shrine. In the civic life of the town of Grafton he has been broadly interested for a number of years serving as Selectman during the years 1911, 1912, and 1913 and he is a trustee of the Grafton Savings Bank, also a director of the Grafton Coöperative Bank. He is affiliated with the Worcester Automobile Club.

Mr. Reynolds married Alice C. Adams, who was born in Maine, and is a daughter of Alfred E. and Emerzette Adams. The father was born in Wales, Massachusetts, and the mother in Danielson, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are the parents of one child, Emma C., who was born in Saundersville, Massachusetts, September 19, 1907.

DAVID J. MAHONY—Prominent in Worcester County, Massachusetts, as owner and manager of the Sterling Inn, of Sterling, David J. Mahony is also widely known among the many travellers and motor tourists who stop at this village and find their entertainment at the inn a pleasant memory.

David J. Mahony was born at Randolph, in September, 1871. Gaining a practical preparation for his life work at the public and high schools of the community, Mr. Mahony became interested in hotel activities as a young man, and in 1913 purchased the Sterling Inn. His genial spirit and cordial manner have won for him countless friends in the course of the subsequent years, all who come and go finding the atmosphere of the house home-like and attractive, and its host a man of broad mind and friendly attitude. The success of the house has placed it among the really noteworthy hostelries of this section, and its fame is widely known. In local affairs Mr. Mahony takes a deep interest, but has never participated as a leader in public life, but during the World War served as a member of the Massachusetts National Guard in a Sterling company. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Winthrop, Massachusetts, and the Foresters of America. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic church.

David J. Mahony married Anna T. Boyce. Mr. and Mrs. Mahony are the parents of five children: William J., born in July, 1893; Ralph G., born in February, 1896; Mildred L., born in October, 1899; Helene, born in December, 1902; and Pauline, born December 25, 1908.

ALFRED JOSEPH OLIVER—As a skillful dental surgeon, Dr. Alfred Joseph Oliver has been engaged in practice in the town of Milford during the greater part of his professional career. He is one of the many native born sons of that town who have contributed to the place of their birth the energy and ability of their mature years.

Victor E. Oliver, father of Dr. Oliver, a sculptor, was born in Italy, and served in the Italian Army for five years. He came to this country and settled first in Boston, where, among other pieces of work, he carved the eagle which is now on South Station in that city. Later he removed to Milford, Massachusetts, with his wife, Emma (Cenedella) Oliver, and there, October 23, 1898, Dr. Alfred Joseph Oliver was born.

Dr. Oliver attended the primary, grammar and high schools of Milford, and then completed his professional training in Tufts College, in Middlesex County Massachusetts. He specialized in surgery in Boston and then removed to Milford, where he has since been continuously engaged in attending to the dental needs of a large patronage. He is known as a skillful dental surgeon, and has in Milford many personal friends who esteem him, not only as a successful man in his profession, but also as a public-spirited citizen and a loyal friend. During the World War he enlisted for service in the Medical Corps and served until 1918, when he received his honorable discharge. He is a member of the Massachusetts Dental Society. Fraternally he is affiliated with Valencia Post, Knights of Columbus; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

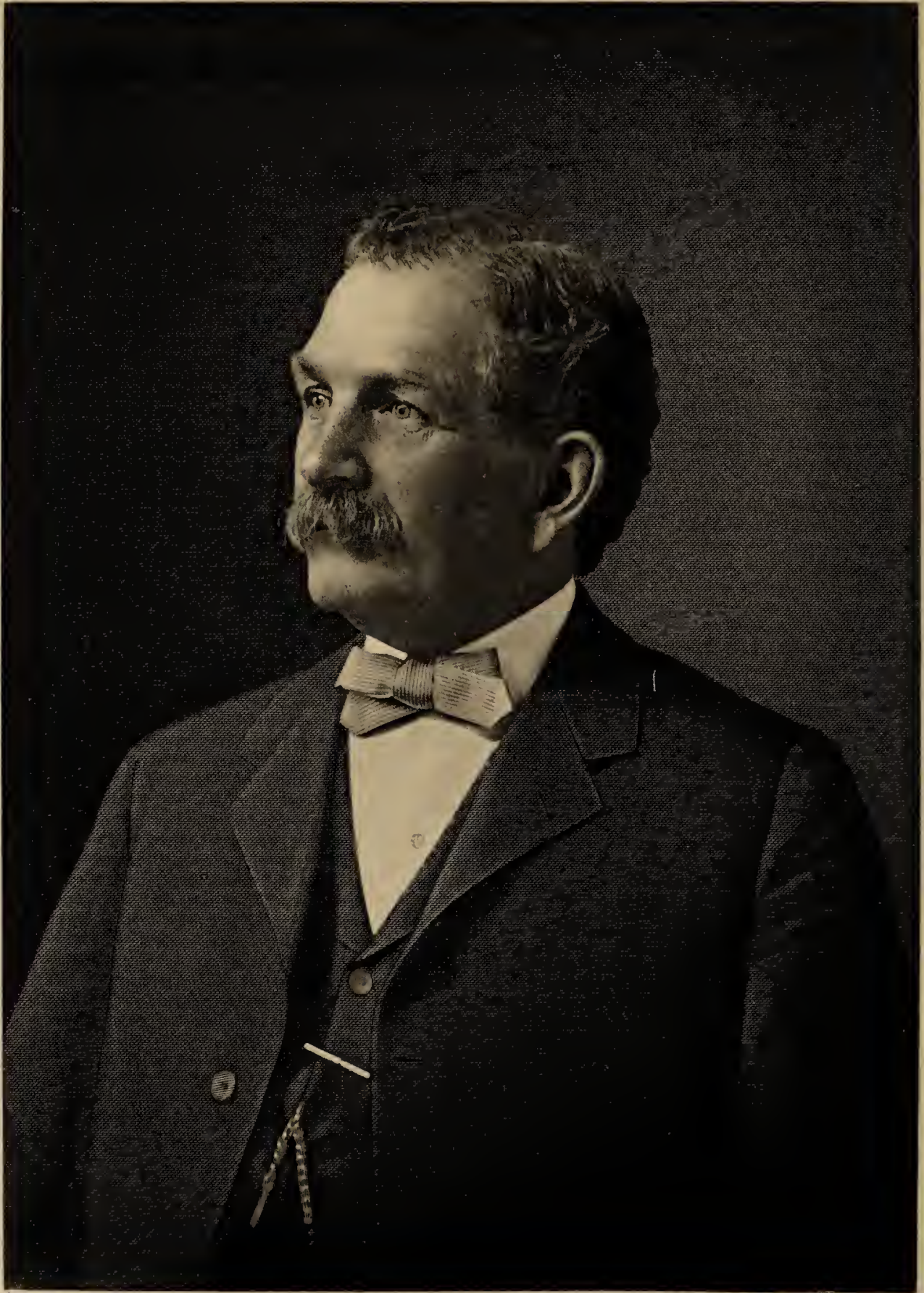
THOMAS J. McNAMARA, widely known in several States as a business man and a land owner, is a member of one of the oldest families of Clinton, Massachusetts. He was born at the family residence in that city, November 19, 1870, son of Thomas and Ann (Coyne) McNamara, and on both his father's and his mother's side comes from long established Massachusetts stock.

Mr. McNamara received his education in the public schools of Massachusetts. He was graduated from the Clinton High School at a very early age, and immediately thereafter entered the field of business as an employee of the Lancaster Mills, where he began at the bottom of the ladder, cutting quills and working on bobbins. This work was agreeable to him because he had a great desire to master the technical details of production. For several years he devoted himself to a study of factory methods, and he might in the end have become a manufacturer of textiles on his own account if another and different kind of a career had not attracted him. He saw the need of quick lunch service in a town of workers whose hours did not permit them to visit restaurants for a noon day meal. Understanding this need from his own experience as a factory worker and having some idle capital, he entered the lunch cart business, setting up two lunch carts

equipped with heating devices that would enable him to serve properly cooked and heated food to all comers. Experiments of this sort had previously been tried at Clinton, but the McNamara carts were larger and more efficiently equipped than any of their predecessors, and their success was immediate and substantial. Although Mr. McNamara was the youngest man in the lunch business, his organizing ability and financial acumen enabled him to maintain his initial success. He knew the needs of the class to which he catered and by giving his personal attention to all the details of purchasing supplies, supervising the preparation of the food, and the service he built up a steady and prosperous business and one that was greatly appreciated by his customers; in this Mr. McNamara laid the cornerstone of his fortunes. From 1894 to 1899, he devoted his entire time and attention to it, and during those years his good judgment never failed it.

In 1899, being well and favorably known throughout Clinton and the surrounding country and having the good will of the community, Mr. McNamara entered the real estate business. He began in a small way, opening an office in his own home, and although his business increased very rapidly, he continued to carry it on there for several years. By 1904, when his operations had assumed large proportions, a partnership was effected between Mr. McNamara and John B. Coughlin of Clinton, and the new firm established a general office for the transaction of business in the Daggett Building, where they have been located ever since. In addition to real estate, the firm deals in all kinds of insurance, and carries on an extensive underwriting business in Western Massachusetts. Through natural ability and long practice in the real estate business Mr. McNamara has become very expert as an appraiser of land, and this has enabled him to speculate successfully in various parts of the country. His present holdings include tracts in New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, in addition to the valuable property he owns in Massachusetts. He is owner and proprietor of the Crossman Hotel at Clinton, and takes great interest in the management of this enterprise, the hotel business having always made a strong appeal to him. He believes that nothing advertises a city so completely as its hotels, and in his opinion, the best hospitality a town can offer is none too good for those whose business or pleasure impels them to pay the community a visit. In line with this belief, Mr. McNamara takes an active part in movements designed to attract motor tourists and others, to this part of Massachusetts, and for many years has been untiring in his advocacy of better highways.

Having lived in Clinton all his life and never having felt the necessity of leaving home to look for success in unfamiliar surroundings, Mr. McNamara is a firm believer in the community of which he is a part. He has often helped to discover opportunities for other people, and assisted them to achieve success there from modest beginnings, just as he had found a way best adapted to himself. In his opinion, it is easier to expand an organization in order to take care of an increased volume of business than it is to curtail one's premises and staff when times are dull. Gifted with business imagination, and never afraid to back up his judgment by investment, he yet has an abiding faith in the slow



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and steady growth of good enterprises. He believes that the most successful business is the one that is best integrated, with all its branches working in harmony. A business of this description cannot be created off-hand; it is the outcome of an idea, and the more vital and wholesome the idea, the better the business. It is impossible to over-estimate the interest Mr. McNamara takes in all local affairs for the betterment of Clinton. He is justly recognized as one of the foremost citizens of the town. In religious faith Mr. McNamara is a Catholic. He belongs to St. John's Church, and takes an active part in the work of the various parish organizations. He holds membership in the United Commercial Travelers Association, but except for this he is not affiliated with any club or fraternal organization.

On January 4, 1918, he married Bridget G. Powers, daughter of John and Ann (Flanigan) Powers. Mr. and Mrs. McNamara have no children.

CLEVELAND JOSEPH CRAHAN has spent practically his entire life in advertising, newspaper promotion, and publishing enterprises, having since 1913 been publisher of "The Catholic Messenger," the only Catholic paper in Central Massachusetts. He is a well-known figure in the publishing world, and has fairly won the high reputation he enjoys. He is a son of Charles Joseph and Janie A. (Ball) Crahan, his father a tobacco and cigar dealer of St. Louis, Missouri.

Cleveland Joseph Crahan was born in St. Louis, Missouri, March 23, 1866, and there the first eighteen years of his life were spent. He was educated in the parochial school of the parish of St. Rose of Lima, and St. Louis High School, finishing with the class of 1884. The same year he began his newspaper work, going to Little Rock, Arkansas, where his first venture in journalism was made in the circulation department of the Little Rock "Times." Nearly four decades have since elapsed and he is still in practically the same field of activity. His experience has been wide and varied, and he has had his full share of the successes and failures that attend the publishing business, but he can now write "success" in large letters and feel that his enterprise is on the solid rock of prosperity. His principal connections have been with the Publishing Service Circulation Company of New York City, a newspaper circulation promoter, of which he was manager; the De Luxe Circulation Company, a similar enterprise which he founded and operated in Canada during 1911-12; and the Messenger Printing and Publishing Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, founded in 1913, of which he is the head.

In 1913 he began publishing "The Catholic Messenger," the only Catholic paper in Central Massachusetts, and the following year began the publishing of "Landlord and Tenant." He was the promoter of "bus" line advertising, and has all his life been a man of initiative and progress. The Messenger Printing and Publishing Company was established in 1887, Mr. Crahan becoming its manager in 1913. The plant of the company is at No. 17 Federal Street, Worcester and is fully equipped for job printing and all kinds of commercial work.

Mr. Crahan is a member of Blessed Sacrament Church of Worcester; is a member of the Knights of Columbus and a Past Lecturer of that order; member of the Benev-

olent and Protective Order of Elks; is fond of hunting big game in the North Woods, and thoroughly enjoys a day's sport with rod and reel.

Mr. Crahan married, in Indianapolis, Indiana, Louise Elizabeth Fitzsimmons, born in Providence, Rhode Island, daughter of Thomas Francis and Catherine Ann (Reilly) Fitzsimmons, her father a retired hardware dealer; her mother died in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Crahan are the parents of two children: Cleveland Joseph and Helen Louise.

MILTON A. CREED—A long and honored life, filled with usefulness in the public service as well as along certain lines of private enterprise—this was the record of Milton A. Creed, whose death on March 25, 1918, removed from the town of Gardner, Massachusetts, a man of sterling integrity and progressive spirit, such a man as the world can ill afford to spare. Mr. Creed was a son of Moses and Belinda (Smith) Creed, his father a native of Westminster, Massachusetts, and his mother a native of North Leominster, Massachusetts, both highly esteemed residents of this section.

Milton A. Creed was born in North Leominster, Massachusetts, April 30, 1847. His education was begun in the public schools of Westminster and continued at the Westminster Academy. He subsequently had the advantage of a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College in Boston, and his first experience in the business world was in the capacity of clerk to the superintendent of the Boston & Maine Railway at their Worcester offices. He was active in this connection until coming to Gardner in the early eighties, when he became a member of the office force of Heywood Brothers & Company. For a number of years he was a valued assistant in the office and continued with this concern until almost a year prior to his election to the public service of Gardner in the office of Town Clerk. Bringing to the duties and responsibilities of his work in this connection long experience and large ability, Mr. Creed did much constructive work for the people of his subsequent election as Tax Collector gave added benefit to the town administration. Fair minded and always devoted to the highest conception of duty, his work in the public service has more than that of a mere office holder, and his record stands not only in the annals of the town but in the memory of the people as one of honor and distinction. Following his service as Tax Collector, Mr. Creed became a partner in the manufacturing enterprise known under the firm name of the Simplex Time Recorder Company, a nationally and, indeed, an internationally noted concern, whose title explains the nature of its product. Mr. Creed held a large interest in this industry until within two or three years of his death, when he disposed of his holdings on account of ill health. The last few years of his life were years of more or less suffering borne in a beautiful spirit, and to those who were able occasionally to spend a few hours with him, they are remembered as something to be cherished among the sacred things of life.

Mr. Creed married, on June 6, 1888, Emma F. Mayo, daughter of William and Maria (Goddard) Mayo, both natives of Orange, Massachusetts, where they were reared and married. After their marriage they settled in Westminster, Massachusetts, where Mr. Mayo was for

many years a leader in civic affairs and also was prominent in the world of finance. He held seven important public offices in the town at different times, and later for a number of years was cashier of the Westminster National Bank. Born February 20, 1817, he died September 24, 1911, nearly ninety-five years of age. The mother died in 1901, at the age of eighty-three years. Mrs. Creed survives her husband, and is comforted in the sorrow of her widowhood by the thought that she was able to minister to her husband during the latter years of his life, and until he passed away cared for him with the greatest tenderness.

Although Mr. Creed was spared to a good old age, his passing cast a shadow on the community, for in such a life are exemplified those qualities of devotion to duty and appreciation of good which count so definitely in the progress of any community, and which, in the last analysis, will appear as of far greater significance to the world than any mere qualities of personal gain. His life was an upright one, and his memory will long be honored and cherished by those whose privilege it was to know him.

ELMER E. DOW—In the industrial organization known as the Worcester Ornamental Iron Company, Inc., an interesting branch of construction work is being carried forward, and as vice-president of this concern, Elmer E. Dow holds a prominent position in the business world of Worcester County. Mr. Dow is a native of the State of Maine, and is a son of Orchard Cook Dow, who was born in Prospect, Maine, and by occupation was a farmer and carpenter, and a brother of Herman L. Dow, whose biography follows.

Elmer E. Dow was born in Prospect, Maine, January 26, 1863. His education was acquired in the public schools of the town of Monroe, in the same State, and upon the completion of his studies he became active in the work of the home farm, also mastering the carpenter's trade under the instruction of his father. He then came to Worcester, Massachusetts, and became associated with Norcross Brothers, and after a few years he was given charge of their ornamental iron department. His connection with that concern covering a period of twenty-five years. Later for about two years he was with the Eastern Bridge Company, then was engaged in carpenter work for a few years, but the opportunities in the field of ornamental iron work presented themselves to him with such force that in 1920 he entered this branch of constructive activity, organizing the present concern, the Worcester Ornamental Iron Company, Inc. In association with his brother, Herman L. Dow, as treasurer and general manager, Mr. Dow acts as vice-president of the company, and is broadly active in its management. The firm was incorporated at the time of its founding, and their large success has placed them among the really important industrial organizations of Worcester County, although, as yet, they have been active for only a few years. Elmer E. Dow is broadly interested in all advance, and fraternally is identified with Fraternity Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Salem, Massachusetts. He is a member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Worcester.

Elmer E. Dow married (first) Alice Doe, who died, leaving two sons: Harry E. and Percival E. He mar-

ried (second) Cora Walton, and they have one son, Elmer C. The family residence is at No. 30 Hapgood Road, Worcester, Massachusetts.

HERMAN L. DOW—In the world of construction in Worcester County, Massachusetts, the Worcester Ornamental Iron Company, Inc., is one of the leaders in the erection and installation of ornamental iron work. Although this concern has been active for only a comparatively few years, still, under the leadership of Herman L. Dow, its treasurer and general manager, its growth has been remarkable. Mr. Dow is counted among broadly substantial business executives of the day in Worcester County. He is a son of Orchard Cook Dow, who was born in Prospect, Maine, and was a farmer and carpenter by occupation.

Herman L. Dow was born in Monroe, Maine, June 26, 1869. Receiving a practical education in the district schools of his native place, he first entered the business world as a clerk in a store in Boston, Massachusetts, thereafter entering the employ of Norcross Brothers, a leading contracting concern of Worcester, with which he was identified for twenty-two years. During this period Mr. Dow worked up from the position of helper to that of works manager. In the course of this long experience and his successful rise to an influential position, Mr. Dow gained much of value to him in his subsequent activities. Becoming identified with the Worcester Ornamental Iron Works in 1917, he was made treasurer of the concern and general manager also in 1920, when it was incorporated under the name of the Worcester Ornamental Iron Company, Inc. The general scope of the work handled by this concern is indicated in its name, and from the least important to the greatest contracts the company is noted for its prompt and courteous treatment of all customers. They have done much of the finer work in their line, both outside and inside, in the business districts of the city, in the residential sections, and especially among the public buildings. Mr. Dow is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and the United Commercial Travelers' Association, but has few interests outside the realm of his business life.

Mr. Dow married Nellie Jewett, and they are the parents of three children: Alma C., Evelyn Ruth, and Norman E.

DR. EDWARD BARTOL, M. D., is among the native sons of Lancaster, Massachusetts, who is devoting the activities of his mature years to the interests of the community in which he was born. After eighteen years of successful medical experience in Milton, Massachusetts, he returned to the town of his birth and here he is engaged in general practice and has built up a large clientele.

Dr. Bartol was born in Lancaster, Massachusetts, September 5, 1874, son of George M. and Elizabeth (Washburn) Bartol, both of Lancaster, the former of whom is engaged in the Christian ministry. After attending the public schools of Lancaster, he entered the preparatory school at Worcester, and then matriculated in Harvard College, from which he was graduated in 1896 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During the following fall he became a student in Harvard Medical



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College, from which he received the degree Doctor of Medicine in 1900. Upon the completion of his professional training he served an internship in the Massachusetts General Hospital, and then in 1902 engaged in general practice in Milton, Massachusetts. There he remained for eighteen years, building up a very large practice and ministering to the needs of his many patients with notable efficiency and faithfulness. After eighteen years of successful general practice in Milton, however, he decided to return to his native town, and in 1921 opened his office in Lancaster. He was already well known in this community, both in a professional way and socially, and he has, during the short time he has been engaged in practice here, built up an important clientele, which is steadily growing. He is a member of the Board of Health, and is actively interested in the promotion of the general welfare of the community. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War he volunteered for service in the Medical Corps and was assigned, November, 1917, to the Board of Medical Examiners, with which he served until 1919 when he received his honorable discharge. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Mandon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Milton, and he is also a member of the Harvard Club. He keeps in close touch with the progress of his profession through membership in the Worcester County Medical Association, North District Medical Society, and the American Medical Society. His religious affiliation is with the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Dr. Edward Bartol married, in 1914, at Trinity Church, Boston, Massachusetts, Ethel Chandler, daughter of Francis W. and Alice (Dalland) Chandler, of Boston. Dr. and Mrs. Bartol have one son, Francis W., who was born January 30, 1915.

RALPH CLARY CLAPP—The name of Ralph Clary Clapp, of Athol, Massachusetts, is one of more than usual significance in art circles in this community, for his studios are a center of attraction for artists and lovers of art over a wide range of territory. Personally gifted both as artist and critic, Mr. Clapp has developed his business as an art dealer to a point of large importance. He is a son of Edward P. and Sarah S. Clapp, his father a prominent farmer of the State of Massachusetts.

Ralph Clary Clapp was born at Deerfield, Massachusetts, in 1870. His education was received at Dickinson High School and Academy, and from boyhood he was a student of art. His early life was spent in the employ of various picture and art stores, and in studio work with noted artists. On October 5, 1907, Mr. Clapp bought out the Dunklee Studios in Athol, and he has since conducted this very interesting enterprise along progressive lines. He has succeeded in making the business side prosperous, and at the same time has maintained the highest ideals of art in the aesthetic phase of his work. Patrons from all parts of New England have come to seek in this charming studio art treasures, both old and new, and the imprint of his spirit will be permanently felt in the influence of his activities in local art circles. Mr. Clapp is a thoroughly progressive and forward looking citizen, and fraternally is affiliated with

Pocumtuck Lodge, No. 67, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Greenfield, and he attends the Congregational church.

Ralph Clary Clapp married, in October, 1906, Stella Mae Wells, daughter of William J. and Lizzie Wells.

GEORGE W. RICE—Standing behind the construction activities of Millbury, Massachusetts, and vicinity as a dealer in lumber and builders' supplies, George W. Rice also carries forward a prosperous and important business in the distribution of coal. He has been at the head of this interest for only a comparatively short time, but from the time of completing his education has been actively connected with it. He is a son of Arthur W. Rice, who founded this interest in the year 1906 and carried it forward until his death, which occurred in 1922. Arthur W. Rice was born in Sutton, Massachusetts, and was for many years one of the prominent men of the town of Millbury, both as a merchant and as a citizen. The mother, Genevieve (Loveland) Rice, was born at Saratoga Springs, and survives the husband and father.

George W. Rice was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, January 16, 1899. His education was acquired in the public and high schools of Millbury, and upon the completion of his studies he became associated with his father in the coal business, continuing as his valued assistant and capable associate until his father's death in 1922. Following his father's death, Mr. Rice took over the interest and has since carried it forward under his own name. With yards and offices advantageously located on Canal Street, he handles coal, lumber, lime, and cement, and this enterprise is the most important in its field in the town of Millbury. Although still a young man, Mr. Rice is taking a definite and useful place in the community and his activities in his present business bear direct relation to the public prosperity. Mr. Rice is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Royal Arch Masons, the New England Coal Dealers' Association, and the Westboro Country Club, and is one of the popular young men in social circles in Millbury to-day. He attends St. John's Episcopal Church.

CHARLES A. BIXBY, in the distribution of automobiles is winning large success. His extensive practical experience in various branches of professional and commercial activity have given him an excellent training for this branch of business advance, and his natural ability is carrying him forward to gratifying success. Mr. Bixby's father was Charles H. A. Bixby, a building contractor of New Braintree, Massachusetts. His mother was Nora (Smith) Bixby, of the same town.

Charles A. Bixby was born at New Braintree, Massachusetts, August 2, 1887. When he was two years old, he was adopted by an uncle, Philip P. Bixby, of Worcester, and in that city his education was begun in the local public schools and continued in the Worcester High Schools. He later took a special course in engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and in further preparation for his career he gave practical application to his technical training by learning the machinist's trade in the plant of the Hobb's Manufacturing Company of Worcester. Mr. Bixby then identified him-

self with the Draper Company of Hopedale, Massachusetts, in the capacity of draftsman, which he filled for one year. He then signed a contract with the United Fruit Company, and in their employ went to Panama, where he was stationed at Boca Del Toro, Republic of Panama, as master mechanic. After four years in this connection, Mr. Bixby accepted a flattering offer from the National Motor Vehicles Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was active in experimental tests on motor cars for two years. Through this affiliation Mr. Bixby became interested in the sales end of the corporation, and remained in this capacity until 1916. For about a year thereafter he was associated with the Packard Motor Car Company of Boston, and he was here when America intervened in the World War. Mr. Bixby enlisted for service over seas on June 15, 1917, and was commissioned first lieutenant of the Ordnance Department where he remained until August 15, 1917. He was promoted to the rank of captain of field artillery in June of 1918, and on June 4, 1918, sailed for France. He served as captain of F Battery, 2d Battalion, Field Artillery, and after his graduation from the French Artillery School of Fire, he entered actively into the campaigns of that period. He saw service in the Gerardmer sector and in the Vorges sector, where, though it was the largest sector in France, he fed and clothed 22,500 men by means of a transport service comprising only forty-three trucks. He was also at St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne, and received a citation from the commanding general of the 6th Division. Returning to the United States, Captain Bixby arrived on this side on September 23, 1919. He reported to the chief of the Motor Transport Corps, stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas, where he remained for a considerable period, then was returned East and received his honorable discharge from the service in Boston on August 16, 1920. Captain Bixby's first military experience was as a member of Company C, 2d Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, then known as the Worcester Light Infantry, in which he enlisted in 1903 and served three years. After being active in Boston for a time Captain Bixby returned to Worcester on June 1, 1921, and opened a general sales office, dealing in automobiles. In September of the same year he organized the Worcester Automotive Company, Incorporated, of which he was elected president and manager. In this capacity Mr. Bixby acts as agent for the Franklin Automobiles and is doing a large and constantly increasing business. In June of 1922 another concern was organized as the "121 Commercial Sheet, Incorporated," a realty holding corporation. Captain Bixby's success is the direct result of sincere effort backed by exhaustive preparation and wide experience, and he holds a leading position in his chosen field of endeavor in Worcester County. Mr. Bixby is a member of the National Automobile Dealers' Association, Worcester Automobile Association, Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and the Automobile Club of Worcester. Socially he is affiliated with the Lion's Club of Worcester.

Mr. Bixby married, May 24, 1916, Hilma W. Carlstrom, of Worcester. Her father was a steel expert who came to America and entered the employ of the American Steel and Wire Company.

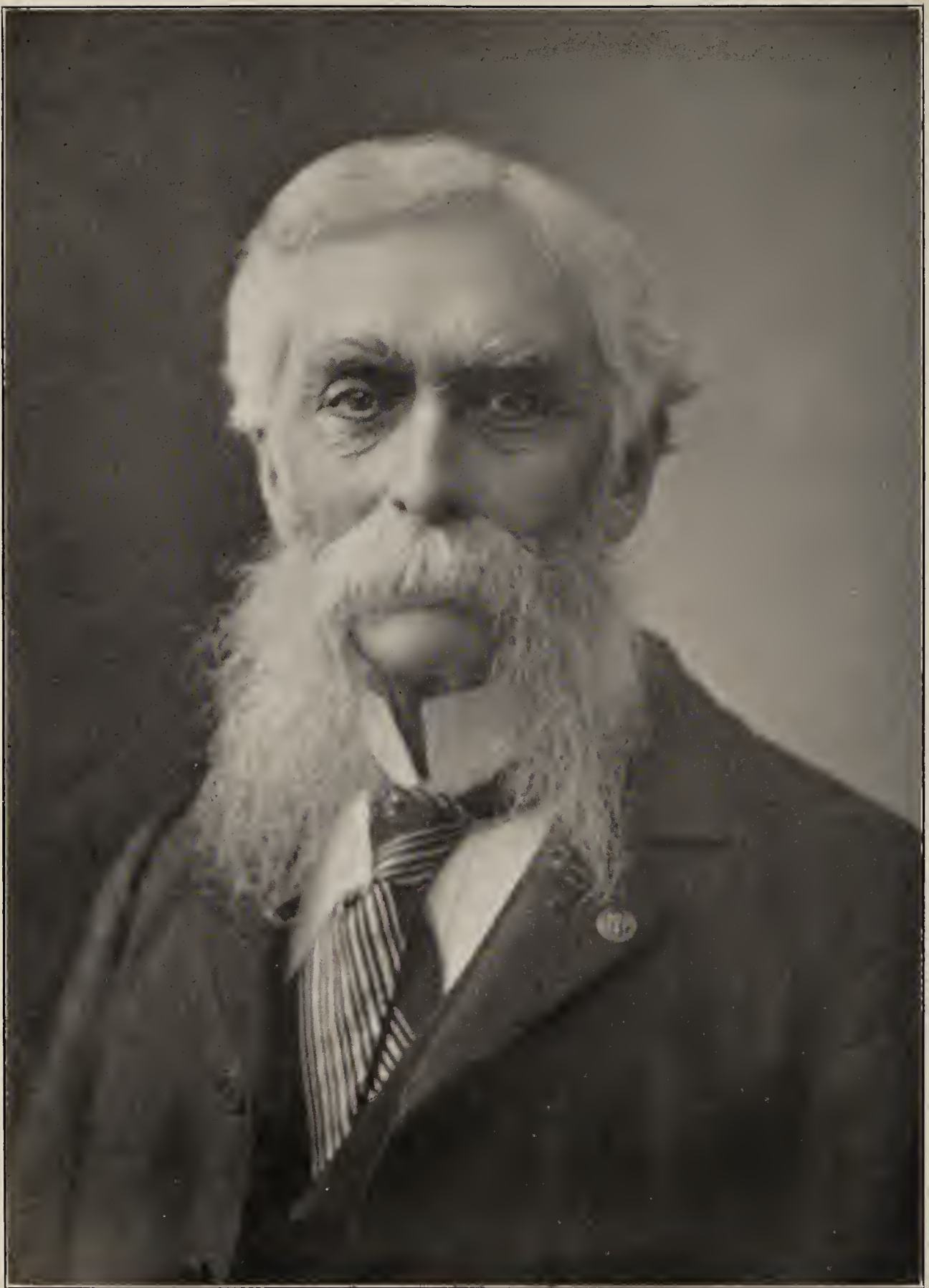
FREDERICK W. GUILD, M. D., a prominent physician of Worcester County, Massachusetts, successful in private practice and locally active in the public service, is a leading figure in professional circles in Grafton, Massachusetts. Born in the West, his professional preparations were made in Eastern institutions, and his success has become a definite achievement. Dr. Guild is a grandson of Lawrence Winfield Guild, and a son of Alvin W. and Josephine (Washburn) Guild, his parents formerly of the State of Iowa but now residents of Wollaston, Massachusetts; the father throughout his active lifetime was engaged in the real estate and insurance brokerage business, but is now retired.

Frederick W. Guild was born at Hollyville, Iowa, November 18, 1884, and was but two years of age when the family came East and settled in Boston. He attended the public and high schools of that city, then entered the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the year 1909. Thereafter for three years Dr. Guild served as assistant physician at the Monson State Hospital, and in 1912 came to Grafton. He has since been active in the practice of medicine in this community and its vicinity, and has won an enviable position in his chosen profession. He commands a wide and lucrative private practice in this section, but this by no means bounds the scope of his activities, for he has served the public practically since his residence here. Dr. Guild was made Town Physician of Grafton in 1912, in which capacity he still serves; since 1916 he has been secretary of the local Board of Health. In 1919 he was elected chairman of the School Committee, and still serves in this responsible office. Fraternally he is affiliated with Franklin Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Manchester Unity, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Foresters of America, and he is a member of the Worcester District Medical Society, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and the Phi Delta Theta and Delta Mu medical fraternities. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist church.

Dr. Guild married, in June, 1914, at Grafton, Massachusetts, Edith Lombard, daughter of Shirley and Helen (Sawyer) Lombard. Dr. and Mrs. Guild are the parents of two children: Shirley, born March 3, 1916; and Virginia, born September 1, 1918.

JACOB W. LONGLEY, a noteworthy figure in various lines of advance in Sterling, Massachusetts, for many years, has within recent years been broadly active in the public service of the community; with the foundation of his practical business experience, his public activities are counting largely for the welfare and prosperity of the town. Mr. Longley is a native of New Hampshire, and a member of a family long prominent in that State in practical business affairs. He is a grandson of Jacob Longley and son of George H. Longley, who was born at Petersboro, New Hampshire, and was for many years engaged in the ice business, subsequently becoming a baker until his death. The mother, Sarah M. (Kimball) Longley, was born at Dublin, New Hampshire, and both are now deceased.

Jacob W. Longley was born at Petersboro, New Hampshire, February 13, 1862. His education was



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begun in the public schools of his birthplace and following the completion of the high school course he became his father's assistant in the bakery business. Continuing active thus for a number of years Mr. Longley then left home and went to Meriden, Connecticut. He remained in that city for only a short time, returning to his native place on account of his father's serious illness. Mr. Longley conducted the bakery for a considerable time and in connection with it established a restaurant. Continuing along these allied lines of activity for about five years he then became identified with Smith & Brown, in Petersboro, in the capacity of grocery clerk. This, however, was only a short period of activity and he next filled a similar position with Charles Schoolcraft of Concord, New Hampshire. After six months in the latter connection he became identified with a wholesale fruit and produce concern of Boston, where he remained for a year and a half, then settled permanently in Worcester County, Massachusetts. Coming to this section in 1900 Mr. Longley was employed by various grocery firms in Leominster. Among them Cobb, Aldrich, Brown & Greenleaf, and the Columbia Grocery Company. In 1907 Mr. Longley was elected Tax Collector of the town of Sterling, Massachusetts, in which office he still ably serves. Seven years later the additional responsibilities of Town Clerk were placed in his hands, and in 1915 he was elected Town Treasurer. These three offices Mr. Longley has filled with characteristic attention to detail and devotion to duty, and the responsibilities of all still remain in his hands. He is clerk of the Board of Registrars and Warrant Officer for the town of Sterling. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Petersboro.

Mr. Longley married, October 26, 1889, at Ashby, New Hampshire, Emily A. Bates, and they are the parents of one daughter: Renah Marie, who married Mr. Stevens, a son of Henry D. Stevens, a former Unitarian minister of Sterling, their residence being in Watertown, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are the parents of five children: Renah Patricia, Ralph, Jr.; Davis Wayland, Wayne Longley, and Andrew Chester.

EDGAR H. O'BRIEN—A wide and varied experience in the employ of others has prepared Edgar H. O'Brien for success in the management of an enterprise of his own, and since 1915 he has been the proprietor of a thriving dry goods business, first in partnership with P. Martland, and later, alone. His dry goods establishment is situated on High Street, in Clinton, and he is well known as one of the successful merchants of that city.

Mr. O'Brien was born in New York City April 16, 1880, son of Captain John and Josephine (Nodene) O'Brien, and received his education in the public schools of New York City. While attending school he was employed as a clerk in a grocery store, before and after school and on holidays, and later he found employment as cash boy in a New York department store. Still later he became associated with a suburban parcel delivery company operating between New York and Newark and the Oranges in New Jersey, serving as messenger. His next business connection was with his father, with whom he travelled through the West Indies on a "tramp"

fruit steamer for three years. At the end of that time he returned to New York City, but soon afterward associated himself with Hahne & Company of Newark, New Jersey, in the shipping department. This connection he maintained for a period of two years, at the end of which time he entered the employ of Woolworth & Company, first as window trimmer and later as floor manager. After five years' service in the latter capacity, ill health made it necessary that he should secure out-of-door employment, and he became identified with the Prudential Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey. Two years later, his health having greatly improved, he resumed his connection with the Woolworth Company, this time in Newark, New Jersey, where he remained until 1912. He then was transferred to Clinton, Massachusetts, as manager of the Woolworth store there, and that position he continued to efficiently fill until 1915, when, in partnership with P. Martland, he engaged in the dry goods business for himself. Three years later, in 1918, the partnership was dissolved and Mr. O'Brien established himself in a similar enterprise of his own, locating at No. 164 High Street, Clinton, where he has continued to the present time (1923).

Like his father, who was one of the first promoters of the Panama Canal project, and one of the first to raise wrecked ships by means of an air ballast, Mr. O'Brien is resourceful and progressive, quick to see a business opportunity, and original in methods. He is a member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious interest is with the Methodist church, of which he is a member. He finds healthful out-of-door recreation in hunting and fishing, and has a host of friends.

Edgar H. O'Brien married, in October, 1908, Grace E. Wolfe, daughter of Emery and Mary (Smith) Wolfe, and they are the parents of three children: Ethel Mary, Edgar Clyde, and Ruth Elizabeth.

ARTHUR L. HAWKES—Few men are better known and none are more highly esteemed in Templeton, Massachusetts, than is Arthur L. Hawkes, who has spent practically his entire life in the town of his birth, and has for the past fifteen years devoted most of his time to the service of that community.

George P. Hawkes, father of Mr. Hawkes, was also born in Templeton, Massachusetts, and he, too, spent most of his life in public service, holding at different times nearly all the offices in the gift of the town, serving as Town Moderator for twenty-five years. During the Civil War he commanded the 21st Massachusetts Regiment, and was commissioned brigadier-general. After the close of the war he was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature, where he served ably and faithfully. His unusual ability, his honesty in public service, and his pleasing personality made him a general favorite, and won for him hosts of friends wherever he went, and he was held in the highest esteem to the time of his death, which occurred in Templeton, September 23, 1903. He married A. Elizabeth Sparhawk, who was born in West Virginia, and died in Templeton, Massachusetts, September 28, 1912.

Arthur L. Hawkes, son of George P. and A. Elizabeth (Sparhawk) Hawkes, was born in Templeton, Massachu-

setts, November 9, 1864, and received his education in the public schools of his native town, graduating from the high school with the class of 1881. Upon the completion of his high school course he learned the painter's trade, and for thirty years he was engaged in painting houses in Templeton and vicinity. In connection with his work as a painter he, for eight years, was proprietor of a stage line between Templeton and Gardner. When the electric railway began operation between those two points, however, Mr. Hawkes' stage line became unprofitable and was discontinued. Mr. Hawkes then turned his attention to the production of greenhouse cucumbers, in which line he was successfully engaged for a period of five years. For five years more he was in the employ of the Electric Railway Company, and since that time he has devoted his energy mostly to public service. He served as constable for twelve years, is now Overseer of the Poor, which office he has held for three years, is a member and clerk of the Board of Assessors, which office he has held for six years, and during President Wilson's administration he served as Postmaster, though he gives his support to the Republican party. He has served as Town Moderator for the past fifteen years, and is held in highest esteem among his associates. His military connection is with the State Guard, Company C, 6th Regiment, which he served as company cook. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Narragansett Lodge, No. 222, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Baldwinsville; and his religious affiliation is with the Trinitarian church.

On December 15, 1885, at Templeton, Massachusetts, Arthur L. Hawkes married Marie H. Wallace, daughter of John W. and Mary G. (Simons) Wallace, of Templeton. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes are the parents of seven children: Ralph L., born February 9, 1887, married Pearl Hamilton; William S., born February 23, 1890, married Helen S. Brown, and was the first in the town to enlist, serving with the 1st Division, 1st Regiment, Engineers, American Expeditionary Forces; Herbert E., born January 19, 1892, married Mildred M. Shaw; George M., born November 19, 1895; Ruth E., born May 29, 1897; Helen, born August 29, 1898, married William H. Spalding, of Worcester, Massachusetts; and Richard W., born July 17, 1903.

H. Edwin Hawkes, a brother of Arthur L. Hawkes, was born in Templeton, Massachusetts, December 6, 1872, in the identical house in which Arthur L. Hawkes now lives, the old Hawkes homestead. H. Edwin Hawkes has attained national prominence in certain particulars. He is a graduate of Yale University, and is now dean of Columbia University, New York City. He is a well known writer along mathematical and technical lines, and his text books are in use over the country, including his birthplace.

LEROY BARRETT—In 1905 James M. Barrett became the owner of the Leominster Ice Company and for seventeen years, until his death, continued the successful management of that company. In 1922 he passed away and was succeeded by his son, Leroy Barrett, as manager. The company harvests about 10,000 tons of natural ice annually, the business being the largest of its kind in Leominster. This ice, gathered in such large quantities, is stored in the company's own ice houses

and thence distributed, in sizes and quantity to suit, to a very large list of consuming customers.

James Myers Barrett was born at Mount Uniac, Nova Scotia, and died in Leominster, Massachusetts, November 19, 1922. He was a member of Leominster Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Chamber of Commerce. He married Margaret Kirkpatrick, of South Thomaston, Maine, who survives him.

Leroy Barrett, son of James M. and Margaret (Kirkpatrick) Barrett, was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, February 9, 1892. He was educated in the public schools and Burdett College, and when school years were over he became associated with his father who, in 1905, had bought the Leominster Ice Company. This association lasted until the death of the elder partner in 1922, and then the son succeeded to the management of the business and so continues.

Mr. Barrett is a member of the American Legion, Leominster Post, No. 15, of which he is the organizer and first commander, his military service dating from his enlistment, September 17, 1917. He was commissioned second lieutenant May 5, 1918, in the 307th Infantry, and was honorably discharged May 22, 1919. He was commissioned first lieutenant November 8, 1918, having been with the American Expeditionary Forces in France for twenty months. He was one of that band of American soldiers who rescued the famous "Lost Battalion," and had many narrow escapes. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery of the York Rite of Freemasonry, is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, a member of lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Daughters of Rebekah. He is a member of the Massachusetts Ice Dealers' Association, and on the board of directors; and also a member of the National Association of Ice Dealers. He is an active member of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce; is a member and trustee of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Leominster, and is both widely and favorably known in his city.

Lieutenant Barrett married, September 1, 1917, Jessie Nettel, born in Leominster, and they are the parents of two daughters: Barbara Florence and Doris Arline.

JAMES A. TIMPANY—One of the active business men of Gardner, Massachusetts, is Mr. Timpany, who holds an important position with S. K. Pierce & Son Company of this city, and serves his community as City Councilman. He is a son of Major R. Timpany, born at Rossway, Nova Scotia, May 15, 1835, who is a carpenter and farmer, and still living. His mother was Almira (Robbins) Timpany, also a native of Rossway, who died when James A. was six years of age, leaving a family of seven children. He had one brother, Edgell, who lost his life when the United States battleship "Maine" was sunk in Havana harbor, being a marine aboard the vessel.

James A. Timpany was born at Rossway, Nova Scotia, May 23, 1869, where he received most of his education in the public schools, supplemented with courses in the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pennsylvania. At the age of nineteen he came to Gardner and secured employment in the Ramsdell Toy Shop, devoting two years to wood-working machinery. Then, after seven and one-half years of making baby

carriage wheels on a piece-work contract, hiring help, he went into the bicycle business, selling and repairing them. He continued at that for six years, when the business was sold and he moved to Clearfield, Pennsylvania, to take charge of the Clearfield Manufacturing Company's plant, which makes wood wheels. A few months later he returned to Gardner and entered the employ of the S. K. Pierce & Son Company, Inc., and has since risen to be master mechanic after seventeen years of faithful and efficient service.

Before Gardner became a city Mr. Timpany had served as a Selectman for two years, 1921-22, carrying his town by a large vote in one of the hardest fought battles known to the city. He was reelected as Councilman. He served fifteen years in the Gardner Fire Department as call man. Mr. Timpany is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 1426, and associated with other members in organizing the Chamber of Commerce. He was the prime mover in securing the playground for South Gardner known as the Biddeford playground.

Mr. Timpany married Jennie McConnell, of Gardner, daughter of Albion and Rebecca (Rand) McConnell, both of whom were natives of Nova Scotia, where the father was born in June, 1844. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Timpany: Edith, wife of Mr. Hooper; Bernice, wife of Mr. Riley; Carl E., who died in infancy; Claire R., and Doris E.

ARTHUR B. McEVOY—One of the foremost figures in Leominster to-day and indeed in Worcester County, is Arthur B. McEvoy, whose recent achievement, the construction of the Rialto Theatre, has given to his native town one of the most attractive and up-to-date motion picture houses in the State of Massachusetts. Mr. McEvoy is a son of Thomas A. McEvoy, who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, February 14, 1860. Thomas A. McEvoy was educated in the public schools of Leominster, and after completing his education he followed the textile business here for about fifteen years in the employ of the Leominster Worsted Company. In 1911 he went to Peabody, Massachusetts, where he entered the motion picture business, operating the Olympic Theatre of Peabody, and was thus engaged until 1914. He then came to Leominster and bought the Wilkes Theatre, which he renamed the Olympic. Later on he also purchased the Gem Theatre. Father and son have brought into existence the handsome new building, with a magnificent organ, which gives Leominster a playhouse in a class with others of metropolitan importance, this being one of the finest in Worcester County. Thomas A. McEvoy married Rosina Lee, who was born at Plymouth, England, November 14, 1869. They were married at Cardiff, South Wales, and came to America shortly afterward. They are the parents of four children: Edward L., Albert I., Arthur B., of whom further, and Rosina M., wife of William Yeager, a native of Iowa City, Iowa.

Arthur B. McEvoy was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, May 16, 1893. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his birthplace, and he later attended Northeastern College at Boston, Massachusetts. Following the completion of his education Mr. McEvoy became identified with his father in the

motion picture business, his first experience being in the capacity of operator. He has gone forward in this field to a point where he now is considered a leader in amusement circles, as the principal assistant of his parents in their activities as owners and builders of the new Rialto Theatre. He has done much for the people of Leominster and the management from its opening night was placed in his hands, although Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McEvoy are still the owners. This modern theatre building, which seats 1,400 people, was opened to the public on January 8, 1923, and the enthusiasm of its patrons was reflected in the daily press in its next issue. The Leominster "Daily Enterprise" commented as follows under date of Tuesday, January 9:

In the presence of the Mayor, City Council, Chamber of Commerce, and an enthusiastic and appreciative audience that filled the house to capacity, two-thirds of the individuals comprising which were present as guests of the management, Leominster's superb new superb new theatre, the Rialto, was formally opened last evening. Every detail of the affair, from the greatest to the least, was par excellence, above criticism, or even comparison. The perfect precision and high degree of finish with which every detail of the elaborate program was presented last evening, should be prophetic of continued triumphant success in the future.

The opening of the Rialto Theatre marks a very distinct advance in the progress of the city as a whole, because it puts Leominster on the map as the home of a moving picture theatre second to none in New England, and in the opinion of many persons qualified to judge, superior to them all. The interest felt in the affair by the community in general was clearly shown by the character of the audience which was present last evening, many of whom are not regular patrons of any playhouse of the silent drama.

Atmospherically the opening performance was all that could be desired. The interest and enthusiasm of the audience was shown at intervals throughout the evening in spontaneous and prolonged applause. This was especially marked at the conclusion of the initial number upon the organ, in which the wonderful tone qualities and almost limitless possibilities of the instrument were adequately demonstrated by Mae Eastman of Boston, who is the regular organist at the theatre, and at the conclusion of the feature picture, when the applause again broke forth.

No less than 1,500 persons were turned away from the theatre on the opening night, and those who were able to secure admittance will long remember the atmosphere of appreciation which pervaded the audience. Certainly no finer building could be placed in a community of this size, and it is generally felt that the McEvoy's have given to the people the possibility of true artistic enjoyment in its creation. It would be difficult to describe the structure more suitably than was done in the same newspaper above quoted as follows:

The building was designed by the well known firm of Boston architects, Funk & Wilcox Company, who have made this theatre a one floor or "bleacher type," which type has been most successfully developed and used by them throughout New England. The structure itself is a large brick and stone building approximately 70 feet wide and 180 feet long, the exterior of the building being red with limestone trimming.

The main entrance is most conveniently located on Main street, over which is a spacious marquee or canopy, which affords protection to either the motorist or pedestrian patron against inclement weather. The vestibule, which is approximately 20 feet square, forms a most pleasing entrance, and nothing has been left undone to make it most attractive to the patron. The beautiful marble side walls are adorned with handcarved photograph cabinets, above which is a richly ornamented plaster ceiling. The ticket booth, which is located in the center of the marble and tile floor of the vestibule, is made of marble and wood, and is highly ornamented with carving and painted

decorations. The unique and important feature of the entrance portion of the theatre, however, is the foyer. On each side is a wide and inviting Italian marble stairway leading to the mezzanine floor, and directly opposite the main doors may be seen a large semi-circular fountain arranged in an appropriate plaster niche, the basin of which is lined with beautiful green tile and marble, containing small turtles and fish. Admirably arranged on a group of rocks in the middle of the fountain is a life-like statue of the celebrated Mark Twain's character "Huckleberry Finn," ideally posing as catching a fish, the whole being executed in marble by the noted Boston sculptor, Mr. John Grady.

The sounding board is considered the chief artistic attraction of the theatre, being adorned with fluted columns, which uphold the stately proscenium arch. The interior is designed in the Adams style, and its rich decorations in tapestry effect of golden brown create a charming and rich ensemble. The program for the opening night was: "Medley of Southern Airs," introducing the gigantic Robert Morton organ, the largest in Worcester County, and Mae Eastman, one of New England's leading organists. *New Rialto News Weekly*. "Pardon My Glove," an educational comedy which means "The Spice of the Program." "A Quiet Day at Home," a musical novelty act. A Paramount picture, Thomas Meighan in "Back Home and Broke." George Ade wrote this story especially for Thomas Meighan and also wrote the continuity—a "home town" story with great love interest, supported by Lila Lee. "The Star Spangled Banner."

Mr. McEvoy served in the World War, enlisting in the Mine Laying Division in the United States Navy on June 5, 1917, and received his discharge September 19, 1919, with the rank of machinist's mate, first class. He is a member of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the American Legion. The McEvoy family are all members of St. Louis' Roman Catholic Church.

Arthur B. McEvoy married, January 20, 1915, Nellie C. Crean, who was born at Peabody, Massachusetts. Mr. McEvoy's brothers and brother-in-law are also interested in the Rialto Theatre. Edward L. McEvoy is further associated with the American Feature Film Company of Boston in the capacity of sales manager. Albert I. McEvoy acts as sales manager of the Progress Film Company of New Haven, Connecticut, and is also actively interested in the above theatre and William Yeager is treasurer of the Rialto Theatre.

CLARENCE A. PARADIS—Few young men of Worcester County, Massachusetts, have attained so high a measure of success as Clarence A. Paradis, who as an undertaker and funeral director holds a prominent position in the town of Webster, and is also one of the foremost insurance brokers in this section. Mr. Paradis comes of French ancestry for many years resident in Canada, and his parents and grandparents became American citizens. His paternal grandfather, André Paradis, lived to the age of seventy-five years, the grandmother, Josephine (Dubreuil) Paradis, surviving him and living to the age of seventy-eight. She is buried at Marlboro, Massachusetts. Eldege Paradis, their son, and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Canada, and died in Webster, Massachusetts, in 1917. He married Rosalie Brodeur, who was born in Canada, and is still

living. She is a daughter of Nazaire and Hermine (Hamel) Brodeur, and her father died at the age of seventy-eight years and her mother at the age of eighty-six years, both now lying buried at Webster.

Eldege Paradis was born at St. Cezaire, Province of Quebec, Canada, August 27, 1860. Educated in the public schools of that city, he came to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, as a young man and secured employment in the railroad shops, making moulding for cars on a hand wood-working machine. He then came to Webster, Massachusetts, and entered the employ of H. M. Brodeur, who was active in the manufacture of picture frames and was also in the undertaking business. He learned the latter business and eventually bought out the interest. He carried this forward until his death in 1917, and inspired his son to the lofty ideals with which he had always met the responsibilities of the profession. He was a man of wide interests and sympathies, a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Societe St. Jean de Baptiste, and the Franco-American Order of Foresters. He was a devoted member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, becoming active in the work of the parish when it was still in its infancy, and doing much for the building of the church edifice, giving from his own means and raising money by subscription.

Clarence A. Paradis was born at Webster, Massachusetts, May 9, 1894. His education was begun at St. Ann's Parochial School, and he later attended Assumption College at Worcester, Massachusetts. As a young man he became associated with his father in the undertaking business in Webster, and receiving a half interest in the business, he made special preparations for a career in this field, entering the New England Institute of Anatomy, from which he was graduated in the class of 1913, now holding a license as undertaker and embalmer in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. After the death of the father Mr. Paradis and his mother carried the business forward together with large success, Mrs. Paradis doing much for its development. During this period they built their present headquarters, the first floor being devoted to their office and undertaking rooms, and their residence above. They have very fine show rooms, and carry a complete line of caskets and furnishings, principally of the highest grade, and this show room can be transformed into a chapel. With morgue and all the usual departments for the handling of the work, the plant's equipment is completed with a very fine fleet of motor vehicles, including one of the most beautiful motor hearses in this part of the State. Mr. Paradis and his mother expanded the business very materially, and upon his mother's retirement, on April 1, 1922, he continued along the same lines of advance. The Paradis name in southern Worcester County and the adjacent section of Connecticut is synonymous with all that can be desired in the way of courteous, efficient service, and tasteful, seemly arrangements for the melancholy duty of caring for the dead.

In other lines of interest also Mr. Paradis has identified himself with the progress of the city of Webster and vicinity. In 1917 he purchased the insurance business theretofore handled by Leroy Upham, an old established enterprise, and doing a general insurance business in this vicinity, he represents seventeen of the more important companies. In this branch of economic advance



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Mr. Paradis is doing much for the welfare of the people. He was active in the service of the United States Army during the World War, having enlisted on November 16, 1917. He was detailed to duty at the Panama Canal in No. 8 Ambulance Company, and received his honorable discharge from the service on February 21, 1919. Mr. Paradis is a loyal supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party, but his time is so fully occupied by his business affairs that he has thus far never accepted public responsibilities. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Franco-American Order of Foresters, the Union St. Jean de Baptiste, and the Club Gagnon. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart.

Clarence A. Paradis married Blanche St. Germain, of Oxford, Massachusetts, daughter of Auxibit and Marie (Larochelle) St. Germain, and they have three sons: Raymond Armand, Donald Gilbert, and Jules Eugene.

WILLIAM JOHN CRAWFORD—Rarely, indeed, is a man seen in the business world at the age of eighty-eight years, but such is the case in North Dana, Massachusetts, for the venerable figure of William John Crawford is daily seen at his desk in the offices of Crawford & Tyler, a leading textile plant of this community, of which he has been the head executive for forty years. A man of large ability he is gifted not only with executive genius but with that outlook upon life which at once recognizes one man's responsibility to his fellow men as well as his right of personal achievement. Mr. Crawford has lived an eminently useful and worthy life, and he is not only esteemed and admired as an aged and still active business man, but as a broad-minded citizen of progressive spirit and ever forward-looking attitude. Mr. Crawford comes of a family distinguished for great age, and is a son of William John Crawford, who was born in Ireland and died at the age of eighty-six years, and his mother, Anna Beers (Brown) Crawford, was also born in Ireland, and died at the great age of seventy-eight.

William John Crawford was born at Belfast, Ireland, February 1, 1836. His early education was received in the Toy School Post Office of County Down, then coming to America with his mother in 1852, he settled at Grafton, Massachusetts, where his education was completed. Mr. Crawford learned to weave at a little village shop in Saundersville, in the town of Grafton, Massachusetts, and spent two and one-half years in this connection. He then went to Boylston, Massachusetts, where he was employed as a weaver for two years, then was foreman of the weaving room, which position he held for eighteen years. Coming to Athol, Massachusetts, Mr. Crawford entered the employ of W. A. Fisher, as boss weaver, remaining for a period of ten years, after which he went to Eagleville and in partnership with James Dorr, opened a horse-blanket mill, which they conducted for one year. Thereafter returning to Athol for a short time, Mr. Crawford again left that town and settled permanently in North Dana, Massachusetts, buying out the Goodwin & Schofield Company on August 30, 1883. This concern was a long established one and widely known in the manufacture of woolen fabrics, with plant fully equipped. Mr. Crawford received as a partner Edwin P. Tyler, who died in the year of 1922, and their long

association as owners of the Crawford & Tyler mills gave them a distinguished position in the community. Mr. Crawford is still in excellent health, strong and sturdy, and apparently likely to complete a full century of life. His mental capacity is as brilliant as in the early days, when he was still a young man working out his own success, and his memory for dates is very remarkable. Although Mr. Crawford has reached an age when few attempt to keep in touch with the world at all, he is keenly interested in all public affairs, is an active member of the Republican party, and was for one year a Selectman of North Dana, also Chief of the Fire Department. After his term as Selectman he received a vote of thanks at a town meeting. He is a member of Huberard B. Smith Post, No. 140, Grand Army of the Republic, of Athol, having served in the Civil War with honor and distinction. He enlisted on September 18, 1862, in Company E, 42d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and was made a corporal while in the service. He was on his way to Galveston, Texas, when the word came that the surrender of General Lee had taken place, and received his discharge from the service on August 20, 1863. Mr. Crawford has been a citizen of the United States since May 23, 1859, when he took out his papers of naturalization. He is a member of the Universalist church, and was very active in the movement which resulted in the erection of the present church edifice in North Dana, Massachusetts, towards which he donated \$500.

Mr. Crawford married, in Saundersville, in the town of Grafton, Massachusetts, on November 6, 1855, Ann Doyle, who was born in Ireland, daughter of Henry and Katherine (Carty) Doyle, and her father lived to an advanced age, passing away June 3, 1907. Mrs. Crawford died in North Dana, Massachusetts, June 8, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford's children are as follows: William John, Jr., born March 17, 1857, and died at Dana, Massachusetts, August 14, 1910; Henry Thomas, born June 6, 1858, died June 3, 1907; John Livingston, born May 19, 1860, now foreman of the finishing room in the Crawford & Tyler factory; Mary Ann, born in West Boylston, Massachusetts, August 14, 1861, and died April 7, 1922; Katherine T., born in West Boylston, April 27, 1863, the wife of Edwin P. Tyler, of Athol, Massachusetts, now deceased, the former partner of her father; George Everett, born May 28, 1865; and Francis B., born February 19, 1869, both the younger sons also being affiliated with their father in business.

MORRIS LONG, one of the large property holders and leading merchants of Clinton, Massachusetts, is proprietor of the Clinton Clothing Company, conducting the largest clothing house in the community. Mr. Long came to the United States from Russia, in which country he was born May 15, 1888. His parents, also of Russian birth, are Joseph Long, who was engaged in the clothing business during the active years of his life, and is now retired and Tofey (Hurtwitz) Long, whose death occurred in 1921.

Mr. Long spent the early years of his life in his native country, and it was not until he had acquired his education there that he decided to come to America. Arriving here, he at once became connected with the clothing trade, in 1895, establishing in Clinton, on a small scale,

the enterprise which has now grown to such large proportions. In developing his business Mr. Long exercised the same careful management and business acumen that has characterized his entire commercial career, and as his operations grew they were founded on a firm basis. As prosperity smiled upon him he acquired other interests, investing to a considerable extent in real estate, and now owns the entire block in which his store is now located. This is a valuable property, and was formerly known as the Doggett Block, but is now the Long Block.

Throughout his residence here Mr. Long has taken the part of a progressive and influential citizen in promoting the social, civic, and material welfare of Clinton. He is a prominent factor in the local Chamber of Commerce, and belongs to some of the best known fraternal organizations, including the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

In 1903 Mr. Long was united in marriage with Gussie Leghom, who was also a native of Russia. Of this union five children were born: Sana, who is now (1923) a student at Smith College; Milton H., Irving B., Libby, and Stanley. Mrs. Long passed away in 1917, leaving her bereaved family to mourn a loving wife and devoted mother.

FESTUS LAWRENCE McCANN—The McCann family of Clinton, Massachusetts, is one of the old and honored families of this community, and in every generation from the pioneer to the present day has given to the world men of usefulness and high character. The McCann Brothers are now leaders in the business life of this community and are numbered among the broadly progressive and enterprising young men of the day in Worcester County. Festus McCann, their father, was throughout his lifetime engaged as a gardener in this vicinity, continuing active until his death, which occurred in 1922. Festus McCann was a man of most estimable character, always interested in all that contributed to the general advance, but never caring for the honors of leadership in public affairs. He married Bridget O'Malley.

Festus Lawrence McCann was born at Clinton, Massachusetts, February 3, 1898. His education was begun in the local public schools and following his graduation from the Clinton High School he became associated with his brother, Owen J. McCann, in the wholesale and retail confectionery business, with headquarters at No. 109 Mechanic Street. The enterprise prospered largely, and not long after its founding they added a retail ice cream branch. This led to further expansion, and in the year 1919 they erected the present new and modern plant for the manufacture of ice cream in large quantities. This plant is located in West Berlin and is built upon a property of approximately six acres. They have the most approved machinery and equipment, and the capacity of production is 4,000 gallons of ice cream per day. This product is distributed at wholesale, and is largely absorbed by the Southern Worcester County trade.

Owen J. McCann, who is associated with his brother in this interest, is also a native of Clinton and a graduate of the Clinton High School. His business activities have followed the same general line as those of his

brother, their association having continued since the completion of their education.

Joseph H. McCann, a third brother, received his early education in the public and high schools of Clinton. He later entered Northeastern University at Boston, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. On January 1, 1923, he was admitted to the bar of the State of Illinois and has since been active in practice in the city of Chicago.

This group of young men is broadly representative of the spirit of progressive effort and worthy citizenship which has made Worcester County what it is to-day, and the people of Clinton take pride in the success and prominence of their young townsmen.

HARRY DEXTER BULLARD—Among the successful business men of Milford, Massachusetts, is Harry Dexter Bullard, owner and proprietor of an auto supply firm which is steadily attracting new patronage.

Born in Spencer, Massachusetts, September 30, 1876, Mr. Bullard is a son of George L. and Lura (Brewer) Bullard. After attending the local public schools, including the high school, he became a student in the mechanical engineering department of the Pennsylvania State College, and after the completion of his course there entered the employ of the State of Massachusetts, in the agricultural department, where he remained for three years. He then became interested in shoe manufacturing, in which business he was engaged in various parts of Worcester County until 1919. He then decided to engage in the auto supply business for himself, and established the modern and well equipped store at Milford, which he is conducting with success. Mr. Bullard is a Republican in his political belief and gives practical support to his party. He served as superintendent of sewers in the town of Spencer, Massachusetts, for one year, and he is a willing promoter of plans for the promotion of the public welfare. Fraternally he is a member of Milford Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand Master, and which he serves as District Deputy; and is also a member of Montgomery Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Bullard has a host of friends in Milford and vicinity, and there is every prospect that the success which he has already attained will steadily increase in the future.

Harry Dexter Bullard married, at Spencer, Massachusetts, April 20, 1907, Ella Wilson, daughter of Warren and Marie (Flint) Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Bullard have no children.

FRANK E. JOHNSON, a leading figure in mercantile circles in Templeton, Massachusetts, has been at the head of his own interest for nearly thirty years, a part of that time the business being a partnership and now his son being associated with him. Mr. Johnson is a widely known and highly esteemed citizen of Templeton, and while interested in the general advance only from the viewpoint of the progressive citizen his influence is always toward progress. He is a son of Pembroke Johnson, who was born at Templeton, Massachusetts, and in early life was active in farming, later becoming a mechanic in the employ of the toy shop of Chester N. Johnson, a relative. Pembroke Johnson



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married Augusta P. Gray, of Templeton, and both died in this community, he in 1882 and she in 1904.

Frank E. Johnson was born at Templeton, Massachusetts, July 16, 1867. His education was received in the local public schools, and as a young man he began life in a drug store in the capacity of clerk. He then entered the employ of C. N. Johnson, his uncle, where he remained for several years. He then became identified with a Mr. Blodgett on April 1, 1884, in the general store at Templeton. Active thus in the sale of general merchandise, Mr. Johnson gained valuable experience, remaining in this connection for about ten years. On October 8, 1894, Mr. Johnson, in association with Eugene Lincoln, formed a corporation and bought out P. Blodgett, carrying forward the business successfully for about a decade. Mr. Johnson then bought out Mr. Lincoln, and has since been at the head of this store as sole owner until 1918, and since that time, his son having returned from the activities of the war, father and son have been associated together in the enterprise. Mr. Johnson is one of the successful business men of the day in Templeton, progressive, enterprising, and always alert to the movement of the times. He is a director of the Templeton Savings Bank and politically is affiliated with the Republican party, although he has never desired nor accepted public honors of a political nature. During the World War Mr. Johnson was very active in the support of the Red Cross drives, and also in the sale of Liberty bonds. He is a member of the Congregational church of Templeton.

Mr. Johnson married, at Templeton, August 28, 1889, Alice E. Hale, of that place, daughter of Austin, of Royalston, Massachusetts, and Martha A. (Thayer) Hale, of Petersham, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of three children: Roger Earl, born June 12, 1890, and died in May, 1909, in Templeton; Rollin Eugene, of further mention; and Esther Hale, born November 8, 1894.

Rollin Eugene Johnson was born in Templeton, Massachusetts, February 14, 1892. He was educated in the local schools, and on May 2, 1917, he enlisted at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, in an infantry regiment and was later transferred to the 22d Infantry. Stationed at Fort Jay, New York, for a time, Mr. Johnson was then sent to the East Potomac Barracks in Washington, and was for about five months active on the White House guard. He was then stationed at Philadelphia for about five months, and on June 14, 1919, received his honorable discharge from the service with the rank of corporal, to which he was promoted about nine months after his enlistment. Mr. Johnson is now associated with his father in business. He is a member of the American Legion, and is counted among the progressive and promising young men of Templeton. He married Margaret J. Rhoads of Philadelphia, on September 24, 1921.

CHARLES HENRY COOKE—One of the foremost names in Athol, Massachusetts, is that of Charles Henry Cooke, and the Cooke family has for many years been a leading one in the community. As a real estate dealer and owner Mr. Cooke is taking a broadly constructive part in the local advance, and his public services form a record of large and permanent usefulness.

He is a son of George H. Cooke, who was born in

Athol, August 15, 1851, and is now one of the most highly esteemed residents of this community. Heavily interested financially in various industrial concerns of Athol, and a large owner of real estate, George H. Cooke has bought and sold a great deal of real estate throughout his active life. By way of investment, he has built more than one hundred houses in Athol, many of which he has sold to home seekers, still owning a considerable number. He also owns five of the finest business blocks in the town, and in fact is the largest owner of real estate in Athol. Broadly progressive in spirit, and with the best interests of the community always at heart, he has done much for civic advance and for the economic security and prosperity of Athol. The mother, Mary A. (Patterson) Cooke, was born in Nova Scotia, September 30, 1854, and is also still living, the family home on Cottage Street having long been a center of social activity.

Charles Henry Cooke, son of these parents, was born in Athol, Massachusetts, May 13, 1878. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he is a graduate of Athol High School, class of 1896. The autumn following his graduation from high school he entered Amherst College as a member of the class of 1900. Mr. Cooke's first business experience was in Laconia, New Hampshire, where he was identified with railroad work for about three years, then returning to Athol, he conducted a restaurant for a similar period. Thereafter going to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he was identified with the Pittsburgh Reduction Works for another period of three years, after which he returned to his native place permanently. At about that time, (1906) Mr. Cooke organized the Athol Comb Company, and for fourteen years he was associated with this concern in the capacity of general manager. During all this period Mr. Cooke had been more or less interested in real estate brokerage and development, also owning considerable realty, and in the year 1920 he withdrew from the Athol Comb Company to devote his entire attention to the real estate business, which had assumed important proportions and commanded attention. He owns some of the most valuable business property in Athol, and is doing much for the constant improvement and development of the community. He is a director of the Athol Coöperative Savings Bank, and has done a great deal to advance the ownership of homes among the people. In the public life of the community Mr. Cooke has for years been a leader of progress. A Republican by political affiliation, he served for four years as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was elected to the board every time he permitted his name to appear as a candidate, and now serves. During the year 1922 he was made chairman of the board. He has served as chairman of the Appropriation Committee, was a member of the committee that built the Chestnut Hill Avenue Bridge, and is now Selectman in charge of the new Millers River Bridge. In all forward movements Mr. Cooke bears a leading part and during the World War he was an active member of the Public Safety Committee, and was also a leader in Red Cross work. Fraternally he is affiliated with Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and he is a leading member of the Poquaug Club of Athol. He has long been associ-

ated with religious advance, and is a trustee of the Starrett Memorial Church of Athol.

Charles Henry Cooke married, in Worcester, Massachusetts, on February 12, 1910, Edith M. Curtis, who was born in Orange, Massachusetts, January 11, 1891, a daughter of Everett H. and Minnie (Ward) Curtis, of Orange, her father a native of Richmond, New Hampshire, her mother of Orange. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke have three children: Roy F., president of the class of 1923 of Athol High School, also president of the glee club; Charles H., Jr., a pupil in the public schools of Athol; and Norma J.

WILLIAM C. FLOOD, a well-known figure in the business life of Southbridge, Massachusetts, is secretary and treasurer of the E. F. Dakin Company of Southbridge, a leading concern in the distribution of newspapers, magazines and confectionery. Mr. Flood is a man of large energy and practical business ability and has had much to do with the development and prosperity of this concern within the nine years since he became an executive in the organization. He is a son of Matthew Flood, who was born in Ireland but came to this country as a youth, settling in Southbridge, where he was engaged in the manufacture of optical goods during the greater part of his lifetime. The mother, Mary (Carroll) Flood, was born in County Waterford, Ireland, and died in Southbridge July 4, 1923, aged seventy-three.

William C. Flood was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, March 15, 1886. His education was received in the public and high schools of this community, and on completing his studies he became associated with Edward F. Dakin in the newspaper and confectionery business, in which he has since been continuously active. First filling a subordinate position as clerk, Mr. Flood's energy and initiative were much appreciated, and as he became familiar with the business he was given larger responsibility. Upon the incorporation of the company in the year 1914, he was made secretary and treasurer, and is still serving in this capacity. They carry a very comprehensive line of newspapers, magazines, and kindred articles, a fine stock of confectionery, tobacco, cigars, and photographic supplies. Mr. Flood is a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce, the Southbridge Club, and the Cohasset Country Club, also the Quinebaug Club, and De Triana Council, Knights of Columbus, of which he was financial secretary for eight years. He takes a deep interest in local affairs, and served on the library committee for six years, acting as chairman of the committee for three years. He attends St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Flood married, in 1922, Tietia W. Harkema, who was born at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and they reside in Southbridge.

HAROLD A. SHUMAN, one of the well known business men of Clinton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, has been identified with the textile business throughout the entire period of his active career, and since 1906 he has been engaged in the manufacture of high grade worsteds for men's suitings.

Samuel Shuman, the father, came from Germany when young and practically followed the textile business

throughout his entire life. He was for many years a member of the firm of A. Shuman & Company, exclusive clothiers, whose establishment was located at Shuman's Corner, in Boston, and from 1906 to 1917, the time of his death, was closely associated with his son Harold A. in both textile and clothing business.

Harold A. Shuman, son of Samuel and Julia (Adams) Shuman, was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, November 17, 1879. He received his education in the Roxbury Latin School and when his school training was completed, began his active business career in the employ of Morse Brothers, of Boston, Massachusetts, engaged as importers and converters of tailors' trimmings. That connection he maintained until 1900, and then went to Providence, Rhode Island, to learn the worsted business in the Earnscliffe Mills. Two years later, in 1902, he enlarged his experience by going to Lowell, Massachusetts, where he entered the employ of the Shireff Worsted Company, in whose mills he served in various capacities until 1904. In that year, after the completion of Mr. Shireff's new mill at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Mr. Shuman was transferred to that place, where he soon became assistant designer, and where he remained until 1905. He then removed to Clinton, Massachusetts, and associated himself with Wenzel J. Brodmerkle. One year later, in 1906, he purchased the interests of Mr. Brodmerkle, and from that time to 1917, he and his father, Samuel Shuman, were closely allied in their business interests. They manufactured the best quality of worsted suitings for men and conducted the entire establishment with marked efficiency, which brought a large degree of well earned success. After the death of Samuel Shuman in 1917, Harold C. Shuman took full control of the business and of the mill, and since that time he has continued to manage the entire business alone. His lifelong acquaintance with the various branches of the textile industry, and his thorough knowledge of the particular branch in which he is engaged, have enabled him to win a success which would not have been possible to a less skilled and experienced man, and the fact that among his employees he is most cordially liked and respected speaks volumes for the kind of management which has brought so large a measure of success and prosperity.

Along with his business responsibilities and activities Mr. Shuman has found time for civic and social activities, and for recreation, and he has also found time to win a host of friends who honor him not only as a successful business man, but as a public-spirited citizen, and a worthy friend and associate. Politically Mr. Shuman gives his support to the Republican party. He is an attendant of the Episcopal church. Upon the golf links he finds recreation and social intercourse and the kind of competition which lends zest to his playing, and has made him a golf enthusiast. He is a member of the Prescott Club.

Mr. Shuman is the father of two children: Nancy E., who was born April 19, 1907; and Natalie, who was born December 30, 1911.

FRED W. BOYNTON—The leading stationery store in Leominster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, is owned and operated by Mr. Boynton, whose keen business judgment and progressive principles have



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brought this business to its present enviable position. He is a son of John F. and Kate H. (Baldwin) Boynton, the latter of whom was born at Townsend, Massachusetts, and died in 1897. The father was born at Hollis, New Hampshire, and followed his trade as a carpenter until removed by death in 1897. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in the 7th Regiment, Company H, New Hampshire Volunteers, and was wounded in action. He was discharged as a private and became a member of Charles H. Stevens Post, No. 53, Grand Army of the Republic of Leominster.

Fred W. Boynton was born June 11, 1876, at Leominster, Massachusetts, where he obtained an education in the public schools. Later he secured a position with A. C. Hosmer, whose business was ultimately to become his property. After sixteen years' employment there he left to engage in the carriage business and became associated with Daniel R. Geary. In 1909 he formed a partnership with his brother, Henry J. Boynton, and established a harness business, and in 1912 bought his brother's interest and continued it alone until 1920. Then he purchased the stationery business of A. C. Hosmer, at No. 2 Main Street, which he has successfully carried on since.

Mr. Boynton is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men, E. A. Bennett Camp, No. 52, Sons of Veterans, and is Past Master of Wachusett Grange. He is an attendant of the Episcopal church of Leominster. Mr. Boynton is very much interested in horses.

Mr. Boynton was united in marriage, on June 7, 1913, with Minnie R. Phillips, a native of Stratford, Connecticut. They have one adopted daughter, Kathryn Arlene.

ALBERT J. LAMOUREUX—For years identified with the industrial and commercial life of Gardner, Massachusetts, Mr. Lamoureux has for the past four years been at the head of an independent interest, and has also more recently added to his activities in an entirely different line of endeavor. He is now a leading dealer in shoes and men's furnishings, and also one of the foremost undertakers of this community. Mr. Lamoureux is a son of Joseph and Adeline (Richards) Lamoureux, both natives of the Province of Quebec, Canada, having come to Worcester County in their youth, and were married in 1881. Joseph Lamoureux settled in Spencer, Massachusetts, and took out his naturalization papers in the early eighties. Later he removed to Gardner and engaged in the meat business, in which activity he continued until his death, which occurred January 21, 1899, when he was still in the prime of life. The mother survives him until the present time (1923) and resides in the old Gardner home.

Albert J. Lamoureux was born at Gardner, Massachusetts, January 15, 1885. He was educated in the Gardner Grammar School and the night schools of this community, beginning life in his fourteenth year in the employ of the Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company in the manufacture of chairs. He was employed with this concern for one year at a salary of fifty cents per day and resigned to accept an advance to sixty cents per day in the employ of John A. Dunn & Company, with whom he remained for one year also. He then entered the employ of P. Derby & Company, receiving one dollar per day, remaining with that company for

one year, after which he accepted a position in the meat market of E. E. Barthel, with whom he remained for five years. Then entering an entirely different field of endeavor, Mr. Lamoureux secured a clerkship in the employ of the Gardner Clothing Company, where for ten years he sold clothing and men's furnishings. Thereafter, accepting a position with the important department store firm of Goodnow-Pearson & Company, of Gardner, he was placed in charge of the ladies' garment department, of which he was manager for about two years. In 1919 Mr. Lamoureux bought out the shoe business theretofore conducted by J. D. Alie, and with his long experience as an important asset in the venture, began his independent career. He has been very successful indeed, and has since added a very complete line of men's furnishings. In 1922 Mr. Lamoureux bought out the undertaking business belonging to the estate of Mr. Alie, and in this field also he is achieving noteworthy success. He is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, of which he was one of the organizers, and now serves on the board of directors. On January 1, 1923, he became a director of the Gardner Trust Company.

A Republican by political affiliation Mr. Lamoureux serves as a member of the Board of Registrars of Gardner, but has otherwise accepted no public responsibility, although he bears a part in all community advance. Fraternally, Mr. Lamoureux is a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is Esteemed Loyal Knight; a member of Conseil Gratton, No. 84, L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique, of which he has been treasurer for the past ten years. He is also a member of the Artisans Canadiens Francais, and the Franco-American Foresters. He is a member of the Chair City Club, and his religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic.

Mr. Lamoureux married, on February 9, 1914, Eva M. Charbouneau, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and they have two children: Lucille L. and Claire C.

ROBERT F. BURNS—In the professional circles in North Worcester County the name of Dr. Robert F. Burns is widely familiar and his standing in his profession is of the highest. Dr. Burns is a member of a family long prominent in Fitchburg, and is a son of Edward H. and Mary (Mansfield) Burns. His father was for many years master mechanic for the old Putnam Machine Company of Fitchburg, and his death, which occurred in 1907, removed from the city a man of high character, esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. They were the parents of the following children: William Edward, James, who died in 1903; George, a graduate of Holy Cross College (1919), served in the United States Navy during the World War and died in 1923; Alice, a registered nurse in Fitchburg; Nellie, now deceased; and Mary, a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia (1910) now practising medicine in Fitchburg.

Robert F. Burns was born in Fitchburg, August 22, 1883. His education was begun in the local public schools and following the completion of the high school course he attended the St. Michael's Preparatory School at Toronto, Canada, for three years. Then in the fall of 1904 he entered the Baltimore Medical College (now

the University of Maryland), from which he graduated in the class of 1908 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His institutional experience was gained in the Maryland General Hospital at Baltimore, and the House of Providence, at Holyoke, Massachusetts. In the year 1909 Dr. Burns entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Fitchburg and during the subsequent period has developed a very lucrative and important practice. He bears a part in all advance movements and is a member of Massachusetts Medical Society and of the North Worcester Medical Society. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a leading member of the Fay Club of Fitchburg, also the Oak Hill Country Club. His chief leisure interest is golf, although he is deeply interested in baseball, having pitched for the Toronto University when at that institution.

Dr. Burns married, in September, 1916, Katherine I. Keefe, daughter of John T. and Jane (Crowley) Keefe, and they are the parents of one son, Robert, Jr., born August 9, 1918.

PATRICK A. CANNON—As executive head and owner of one of the large business enterprises of Worcester County, a leader in its line, Patrick A. Cannon ranks as an important factor in the life of this section. While Mr. Cannon is a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he was born March 9, 1861, he came to live in Clinton when a child, and received his education in the schools of this community. His parents, both now deceased, were John Cannon, by occupation a coal miner, and Mary (Gill) Cannon, and both were born in County Mayo, Ireland.

Mr. Cannon began his career as a wage earner by taking employment with the Bigelow Hartford Carpet Company, where he remained for six years. At the end of that period he found himself in a position to realize his ambition to enter business for himself, and since 1884 he has been engaged in merchandising in Clinton. His first location was in a small building on Church Street, where he occupied about three hundred square feet of space, with a stock of teas and coffees. Later he added lines to give him a complete grocery stock, and followed this line for twenty years. In 1896 he added furniture to his merchandising operations, which proved very successful. In 1899 he lost all through fire, but started in again, renting a store, and in 1912 Mr. Cannon disposed of the grocery store in order to devote his entire time to developing his furniture trade. At the present time the outgrowth of these efforts demands floor space totaling 20,000 square feet and from six to ten assistants to handle the business, which now ranks as one of the largest furniture enterprises in the merchandising line in this county. He built his present quarters, which consists of his residence as well as his store.

In the local affairs of the community Mr. Cannon plays a prominent part, and is always ready to lend the weight of his influence to any project which has for its object the promotion of the material, social, civic, or religious welfare of this section. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Royal Arcanum, and the Prescott Club, while his religious affiliation is as a communicant of St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Cannon is a man of family, his wife being Delia

F. Rock, who was born in West Warren, Massachusetts. They are the parents of four children, three of whom are living: George A., during the World War worked at Fore River shipping yards in Quincy, Massachusetts; Raymond F. was a corporal in the United States Army, and stationed at Camp Devon; and Mary Irene, teaches school in Clinton. The oldest son, John P., died in 1914 in his eighteenth year, cutting off a promising career.

ARTHUR O. BOYER, a leading figure in construction circles in Southbridge, Massachusetts, has been active in this general field since completing his education, and for the past seven years has been at the head of an independent business. Mr. Boyer is a man of much energy and practical ability, and has achieved his own success. He is a son of Alexis Boyer, who was born at Lacolle, Canada, and was engaged in the contracting business throughout his lifetime, having been active for thirty-five years in Southbridge in this field of endeavor. He died in 1921. The mother, Sophonie (Simard) Boyer, was born in Southbridge and died in 1904, at a comparatively early age.

Arthur O. Boyer was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, June 19, 1883. He acquired a practical education in the local public schools, and as a young man learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed as a journeyman until 1916 when he entered the general contracting field in an independent business. His broad familiarity with conditions in his line and this practical knowledge of carpentry gave him a sound working basis, and his rise has been steady and permanent. Mr. Boyer is a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce, and serves the community as a member of the Building Committee for the town of Southbridge. He is a stockholder and a director in the People's National Bank, and is interested in all community advance. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Societe Saint Jean de Baptiste, and attends Notre Dame Church.

Mr. Boyer married, in 1904, Annie Boisviert, who was born in Canada, and they are the parents of five children: Lorenda, Albert, Ernest, Annette, and Amer.

ALFRED RUSSELL TOUT, a veteran of the World War, and now filling the position of Town Assessor for Winchendon, Massachusetts, was born at Winchendon, October 4, 1893, son of William Henry and Clara Augusta (Teel) Tout. Mr. Tout's father, who was born at Bristol, England, was a mason by trade, but his occupation was chiefly that of a farmer. He emigrated to America as a young man and settled at Winchendon, where he met Mrs. Tout, who was a native of Winchendon and a representative of a French family long domiciled in America. As Mr. Tout's father is also of French origin, Mr. Tout has many ties with France, and takes a keen interest in French affairs.

Mr. Tout received his education in the public schools of Winchendon. He was graduated from the Murdock High School in 1912, and spent the following year at Dean Academy. From Dean he proceeded to Dartmouth College, at Hanover, New Hampshire, graduating therefrom with the class of 1917. The World War being in progress when Mr. Tout left college, he joined the French Army as a volunteer and served in the Section Sanitaire Etats-Unis, S. S. U. 28. After six



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months' service with the French Army he entered the United States Army Ambulance Service and served as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces for twenty-two months with the rank of a private of the first class. Mr. Tout was discharged from the service April 22, 1919, and immediately returned to his father's home at Winchendon and took up the business of farming. He received two Croix De Guerre from France, a Field Service Medal from the United States, and a Victory Medal from the United States. The latter has seven operation bars (offensive) and one defensive bar, eight bars in all.

A Republican in politics, he was prevailed upon to enter the political campaign as a candidate for the office of Assessor. The high opinion in which he is held by the people of his home town was conclusively shown by his majority at the polls and he is now serving his term as a public official with the same high sense of duty that characterized him while he was under arms in France. In religious faith he is a Unitarian. He is a Mason, and belongs to Artisan Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the North Star Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Eastern Star. He is ex-vice-president of the Avon Club, and holds membership and was commander in 1923 of Winchendon Post, American Legion, and also is a member of the American Field Service Association.

Mr. Tout is unmarried.

EDWARD JOSEPH DRISCOLL—A varied business experience has been that of Edward Joseph Driscoll, who has engaged successfully in several lines of business activity, and is now the owner of the Central Storage Company whose warehouses are located at No. 35 Church Street, in Leominster.

Mr. Driscoll was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, July 1, 1865, son of William H. and Hannah (Sheely) Driscoll. He received a good education in the schools of Fitchburg, and when the school days were over obtained a position in the Union Machine Shop, where he remained until he was twenty-one years old, then entered the meat and provision store, in which business he continued for a period of ten years. At the end of that time he removed to Leominster, where in 1896 he engaged in the same business, purchasing a store at No. 25 Mechanic Street, in the Music Hall Block. Three years later he sold out his business and again made a change, this time removing to Fitchburg, where for one year he was engaged in the bakery business, then returned to Leominster, where he was a bakery foreman for six years. At the end of that time he decided to transfer his attention to the storage business in Leominster, and in 1917 purchased warehouses at No. 35 Church Street, and there, under the name of the Central Storage Company, has continued to manage an exceedingly successful enterprise. He is sole owner of the concern, and year by year has steadily expanded both his facilities for storage and the extent of territory from which his patronage is drawn. For some years he has been building up this business, and he is widely known for his excellent business methods and for his absolute honesty in the handling of goods which are placed in his care.

Mr. Driscoll takes an active interest in the welfare of

the community in which he lives, and for two years served as attendance officer in the public schools. In this position his energy and his interest in the welfare of the boys of the city found ample opportunity for expression, and though he served but for two terms, he managed to render during that time service which has in many cases been of lasting benefit. He is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, which order he has served as Grand Knight and as treasurer. He was Poll Tax Collector for the city of Leominster for a term; local correspondent for the Worcester "Daily Telegram" for six years; and was chosen secretary of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce in 1921, which office he still holds (1923). His religious affiliation is with the Saint Leo's Roman Catholic Church of Leominster.

Edward Joseph Driscoll married, on June 29, 1893, Elizabeth M. Gannon, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Norton) Gannon, and they are the parents of one daughter, Elinor Marie, who was born December 11, 1898. She was educated in Leominster public and high schools, and took a special musical course in Fitchburg, (Massachusetts) Normal School and La Salle Institute of Auburndale, Massachusetts. She is now supervisor of music in the Clinton, Massachusetts, schools.

CURTIS HERMAN JENNINGS, M. D.—Successful in his chosen field of endeavor, medicine and surgery, Dr. Curtis Herman Jennings has won wide note in the line of his specialty, Roentgenology. He has done much in advancing the public health, as well as in carrying forward his own interests as a practitioner and specialist, and holds an enviable position both in the profession and in local circles.

The Jennings family is an old one in this State, and has been prominent for generations in the vicinity of Brookfield. Deacon Charles Jennings, grandfather of Dr. Jennings, was a farmer of that town, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-seven years.

Calvin Walker Jennings, son of Deacon Jennings, was active for many years as a police officer in Springfield, Massachusetts, continuing in this position until his death, which occurred in 1917. He married Ann Marie Gilbert.

Curtis Herman Jennings, son of Calvin W. and Ann M. (Gilbert) Jennings, was born at Brookfield, Massachusetts, August 14, 1876. Receiving his early education in the public schools of Racine, Wisconsin, and Gary, Dakota, he later attended the Springfield, Massachusetts, High School, then entered the Springfield Technical and Industrial Institute, from which he was graduated in the class of 1895. Then he took up the study of medicine at the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, spending the scholastic years of 1896 to 1898 at that institution, and during this and a previous period acting also as physical instructor at the Pilgrim Institute, Cleveland, Ohio. In 1898 he stopped his courses and work for service in the Spanish-American War, after the war again taking up his medical studies. He was graduated from this institution with the class of 1901, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Jennings spent his internship at the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore. He then returned to his native State and practiced for about two years in

Boston. He removed to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, in April, 1905, and has since been active in general practice, and within recent years along the line of his specialty. In the winter of 1904, Dr. Jennings took special courses in Roentgenology under Lewis Gregory Dole, and from that time until 1910 he devoted his attention strictly to X-ray work. He then went to Harvard University School of Medicine, where he covered special courses and made exhaustive research work with the purpose of taking charge of clinical laboratory activities. He has since been director of Roentgenology and clinical laboratory work at the Burbank Hospital of Fitchburg; is consulting Roentgenologist of the Leominster Hospital, Massachusetts, and of the Levi Heywood Memorial Hospital of Gardner, Massachusetts, and the Keene, New Hampshire Hospital. He has won distinction as a bacteriologist, and is held in the highest esteem in medical circles. Dr. Jennings served during the Spanish-American War on the United States steamship "Prairie," and held his commission as Past Assistant Surgeon of the United States Naval Reserve Forces with the rank of lieutenant, during the World War. He holds membership in the American Medical Association, the American Roentgenological Society, the Roentgenological Society of North America, the Massachusetts Medical Society, Springfield, Massachusetts, Academy of Medicine, Worcester County North Medical Society, of which latter he is secretary, and in the Fitchburg Medical Society. He is fraternally affiliated with Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and is a member of the Rotary Club, of the Spanish-American War Veterans, and of the American Legion. With his family he attends the Episcopal church.

Dr. Jennings married, November 26, 1903, at Springfield, Massachusetts, Marion Hubbard, daughter of Moses Nash and Ellen (Littlefield) Hubbard. The Hubbard family has for generations been prominent in Williamsburg, Massachusetts. Dr. and Mrs. Jennings are the parents of five children: Gilbert Hubbard, born December 22, 1905; died March 27, 1906; Elizabeth Hubbard, born March 8, 1909; Curtis Herman, Jr., born February 8, 1910, died November 29, 1910; Ellen Marion, born July 27, 1911; and Calvin William, born June 1, 1913.

JAMES H. CARR—One of the well known business men of Clinton, Massachusetts, who has for many years been an important factor in commercial life, and as a town official, is James H. Carr, who has spent most of his life in this community. Mr. Carr was born at Albany, New York, October 20, 1874, and when he was seven years old his mother, Mary A. (McGrail) Carr, a native of County Mayo, Ireland, died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she passing away in 1881. His father, John Carr, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, was engaged as a seafaring man throughout his life. During the Spanish American War he enlisted in the United States Navy, and saw service in that conflict.

In acquiring his education James H. Carr first attended the public schools of Clinton, graduating from high school in 1900, then took a course in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, in Boston, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated with the class of

1903 with the Phar. D. degree. In 1904 he became an independent member of the business community by establishing himself in the drug line, and has conducted a drug store ever since. Mr. Carr has also acted as Town Clerk of Clinton for a number of years, serving in 1901-02-06 and up to the present time (1923). His wife Catherine M. McLaughlin, a native of Clinton, and to whom he was married February 14, 1900, has filled the position of Assistant Town Clerk since 1901. She is the daughter of John and Amelia (Woods) McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr have two children. Their daughter, Catherine M., who was born February 19, 1901, is studying at a school in Villa Maria, Montreal, Canada, while their son, James J., whose birth occurred May 2, 1904 is attending Holy Cross College. The family are communicants of St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Clinton, and active in promoting its various charities and benevolences in the community. He is a member of the Lamsdec Club of Clinton; is a prominent member of Clinton Council, Knights of Columbus; the American Order of Foresters; and also is a charter member and first trustee of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WILLIAM W. BRIERLY—In the industrial world of Worcester County, Massachusetts, William W. Brierly is a noteworthy figure as president and general manager of the Millbury, Steel Foundry Company. Mr. Brierly is a man of practical executive ability, and his comprehensive familiarity with the general field in which he is active places him among the really significant men of the day in manufacturing circles. Mr. Brierly is a son of William Brierly, who was for many years active as a machinist, following his trade until his death. The mother, Melissa F. (French) Brierly, who was also born in Millbury, died when still a comparatively young woman, in 1901.

William W. Brierly was born in Millbury, Massachusetts, August 15, 1882. His education was begun in the local public schools, and after covering the high school course became active in the business world of his native place in the employ of a leading concern as salesman. After five years in this connection, Mr. Brierly became identified with the Felters Company as office manager, and filled this position for a similar period. In 1908 Mr. Brierly entered the organization of which he is now the managing head, the Millbury Steel Foundry Company, in the capacity of sales manager. He filled the responsibilities of this position until 1914, when he was made superintendent of the plant, and eventually was promoted to the position of general manager, in which he is now active. Meanwhile, he acquired a financial interest in the company, and was elected to the office of secretary, also being a director of the company. In 1923 he was elected president of the company. The Millbury Steel Foundry Company is one of the long established industries of its kind in Worcester County, but is also a leader in industrial advance. In 1917 they added to their already excellent equipment a two-ton Heroult electric furnace, one of the first to be installed in New England for the melting of steel for foundry purposes. As the managing head of this important enterprise, Mr. Brierly is a leading figure in all local advance. During the World War he served as chairman of the

Third Liberty Loan drive for the town of Millbury, which was oversubscribed by a large amount, and in all the war activities from beginning to end, he bore a prominent and constructive part. He was a member of the American Protective League during the war period. He was at that time elected president of the Millbury Board of Trade. He is a member of the American Foundrymen's Association, and is a trustee of the Millbury Savings Bank. Mr. Brierly is identified fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and all the York Rite bodies of the Masonic order, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was Master of Olive Branch Lodge of this order from 1919-1921 inclusive. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Improved Order of Red Men, and is Past Sachem of Wampus Tribe, No. 159, of Millbury. Mr. Brierly's clubs are the Rotary, the Worcester Automobile, and the Worcester Country Club, and he attends the Federated Church of Millbury.

Mr. Brierly married, in 1915, Sarah H. Walling, who was born in Millbury, Massachusetts.

PORTER W. LOWE—A practical man in practical lines of endeavor thus far throughout his career, Porter W. Lowe, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, is meeting an every day need of the people in the distribution of fruit and produce, his activities being confined to the wholesale branch of this business. Mr. Lowe is a member of an old family of Worcester County, a son of Orin M. and Florence (Webber) Lowe, and grandson of Job and Mary Lowe.

Porter W. Lowe was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, February 25, 1887. His education was begun in the local public schools, and after completing his high school course he entered Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1908, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He at once entered business with Lowe Brothers Company, with whom he was active until 1919, when he absorbed the interest of his associates and is now doing business under the name of Lowe & Company, being sole proprietor of the interest, with a branch in Leominster, Massachusetts. He handles a very extensive trade, entirely wholesale, in both fruit and produce, distributing both the foreign and domestic products. Mr. Lowe is prominently identified with many branches of organized advance. He is a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange, and fraternally he is identified with Aurora Lodge Free and Accepted Masons; Fitchburg Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; also the Sigma Chi fraternity of Dartmouth College. His clubs are the Dartmouth of Boston, and the Fay, Oak Hill Country, and Masonic of Fitchburg.

Porter W. Lowe married, on February 15, 1912, at Leominster, Hazel Amazeen, daughter of Charles O. and Mary (Stevens) Amazeen. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe are the parents of two children: Brenton Webber, born January 20, 1914; and Constance, born November 17, 1916.

GEORGE PALMER WILKINSON—Alexander Stewart Wilkinson was born in Groton, Connecticut, in 1828, and in that locality spent his life, being engaged

in the machinery trade until his death in Hudson, Massachusetts, in 1874. He married Julia Watrous, who was born in Groton in 1823, and died in 1892. They were the parents of George Palmer Wilkinson, of Leominster, Massachusetts, a dealer in paints, wall paper and mouldings, a business he founded in 1903, being the only dealer in wall paper in Leominster.

George Palmer Wilkinson, son of Alexander Stewart and Julia (Watrous) Wilkinson, was born in Mystic, Connecticut, March 21, 1865. He was left fatherless at the age of nine years, and his boyhood was thereafter spent in Hudson, Massachusetts, where he obtained a public school education. He was variously employed for the first five years after leaving school, but then secured a permanent position with the Whitney-Reed Corporation of Leominster, and became a foreman. He remained in that employ for fourteen years, resigning in 1903 to engage in business for himself. Twenty years have since elapsed, and the business he then started in a small way has grown to be a most important factor in Leominster's business life. The store at No. 75 Main Street is devoted to the sale of wall paper, paints, and mouldings, and a prosperous business has been developed along those lines.

Mr. Wilkinson is an ex-member of the Massachusetts National Guard, serving three years, 1883-1886. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Royal Arcanum, Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Wilkinson is also a member; and the Masonic Club. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, Leominster.

Mr. Wilkinson married, April 20, 1886, Lavina A. Morse, born in Leominster, Massachusetts, daughter of George W. and Ann Augusta (Crowle) Morse. George W. Morse, born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, engaged in farming until his death in 1910. His widow, born in West Boylston, survived him until 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson are the parents of three children: 1. Ethel V., married L. Scott Wood, of West Newbury, Massachusetts. 2. Harold G., a veteran of the war with Germany, enlisting in Company A. 55th Regiment, Coast Artillery, United States Army, in December, 1917, and serving until March, 1919. He was for twelve months overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, and at Chateau-Thierry was wounded in action. He married Mildred A. Pierce, of Leominster. 3. Ruth, married Roger K. Beedle, of Keene, New Hampshire.

STEPHEN WESLEY HAYNES, prominently identified with constructive activities in New England as the head of the firm of Haynes & Mason, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, has attained a gratifying measure of success, and stands in a noteworthy position in the business world of Worcester County. A native of this county, he is a son of Willis R. and Tressie Elizabeth (Wood) Haynes, his father a carpenter by occupation, and for many years an esteemed citizen of Leominster.

Stephen W. Haynes was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, September 2, 1892. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following his completion of the course at the Leominster High School, he took up the study of architecture at the Beaux Arts Atelier at the Boston Architectural Club, also identifying himself with the Boston Architectural Club. Devoting four years to this intensive preparation for his career, Mr.

Haynes then entered the employ of the firm of Peabody & Stearns of Boston, and other Boston and Worcester architects, where he was active until his enlistment as pilot in the army air service in the World War. This occurred in July, 1918, and he was commissioned second lieutenant United States military aviator at Fort Worth, Texas. When the armistice was signed he was engaged as a student in the aerial gunnery course at Otay Mesa, in San Diego County, California. He received his honorable discharge from the service at Rockwell Field, in San Diego, California, on January 7, 1919, and returned to the State of Massachusetts. Locating in Fitchburg in 1920, he later formed a partnership with Harold E. Mason in 1921, and these progressive men have since gone forward under the title of Haynes & Mason, architects with offices at No. 280 Main Street, Fitchburg. They specialize in the designing of school buildings, and the very creditable list of forty schools have been built from their plans in the first two years of their experience as partners. These structures are scattered throughout the New England States.

Mr. Haynes is otherwise affiliated with the business advance of the day as a member of the Nashoba Fruit Growers' Association, and member of the Aero Club of Massachusetts, and keeps broadly in touch with the general progress of the day. By political affiliation he is a Republican, and fraternally is identified with Wilder Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Leominster, also the American Legion, and his clubs are: The Fitchburg, Rotary, Leominster, Fitchburg Masonic, and the Oak Hill Country.

DR. WILLIAM L. EDGAR, born in Rhode Island, is a son of Edwin Francis Edgar, born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, but later of Providence, Rhode Island, where he learned the trade of toolmaker with the Brown & Sharpe Tool Company, and never worked for any other corporation or firm as long as he lived. He married Ellen M. Hill, who died in Providence in 1918, she surviving her husband eighteen years.

William L. Edgar, son of Edwin Francis and Ellen M. (Hill) Edgar, was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, October 16, 1872. He began his education in Providence public schools, and after graduation from high school, class of 1891, he entered Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, whence he was graduated M. D., class of 1894, (May 10). On June 23, following graduation Dr. Edgar located in Athol, Massachusetts, where he has now been in practice for thirty years. He ministers to a very large number of people, many of whom he attended in the earliest adventure in life, and is the trusted friend, counsellor, and physician in families to which he was called in his first years of practice. He has not only risen to leading position in the profession he adorns, but as citizen, neighbor, friend, his reputation is equally high.

During the war with Germany, 1917-19, Dr. Edgar was medical examiner to the Draft Board, although not a member of that board, the regularly appointed medical member of the board being prevented from serving by illness. He was a member of the Volunteer Medical Service Corps, authorized by the Council of National Defense. He was one of the incorporators of the Athol Savings Bank, and is a director of the Athol Co-

operative Bank. In politics he is a Republican, holds membership in all the Masonic Bodies of his city, and Boston Consistory, is an Odd Fellow, and a Knight of Pythias; his clubs the Greenfield Country and the Poquaig, of Athol. In religious faith he is a Baptist.

Dr. Edgar married, December 15, 1917, at Hartford, Connecticut, Minnie A. Woodward, daughter of Charles and Louisa P. (Cook) Woodward, her father born July 4, 1828, her mother born at Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York, June 18, 1830, dying at the age of ninety years.

WILLIAM M. LEE—A well-known merchant of Clinton, Massachusetts, who has been an important factor in commercial circles here for many years, is William M. Lee, proprietor and executive head of the store which bears his name.

Mr. Lee is a native of Carlisle, Massachusetts, where he was born on November 3, 1867, his parents being Marshall Lee, a native of Concord, who was engaged as a blacksmith until his retirement in 1902 and is now in in his eighty-eighth year, and Mary (Tyler) Lee, who came originally from Lexington, and whose death occurred January 2, 1898. It was in 1903 that Mr. Lee first entered the hardware business in Clinton by purchasing the store of Charles A. Bowman, located on Church Street. Mr. Lee formed the firm of William M. Lee and continued to carry on operations at the old location until 1915, when he removed to No. 172 High Street, and has remained there ever since. The firm carries a complete line of general hardware, stoves, ranges, farm implements, seeds, and fertilizers, and is ranked among the foremost in the field in Clinton. In addition to the merchandising departments, a sheet-metal shop is also maintained in connection with the business, and turns out a large amount of work in its line.

In the social and civic affairs of the community Mr. Lee is an active participant, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and of the Knights of Pythias. He is especially interested in religious work, being a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Clinton, and of the Men's Club of that denomination.

On November 1, 1893, Kathleen M. Baldwin of Phillipston, became the wife of Mr. Lee, and they have a family of six children, as follows: 1-2. Alice M. and Annie L., twins. 3. Marshall Baldwin, who enlisted in the United States Navy for war service, entering in June, 1918, and was discharged in 1922 with the rank of ensign. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and holds the degree of Bachelor of Science. 4. Florence K. 5. William Bradford, who is associated with his father in the hardware business. 6. Kathleen.

REV. PAUL C. HERMAN—Since the earliest settlers left the coast and pressed forward into the interior of the colony of Massachusetts, the church has borne its part in the progress of the community and the well being of the people, and as the pioneers of later years came to the land of religious liberty to establish their families and homes, the church and its various denominations has come with them as protector, guide and spiritual leader. Only a few years ago the Slovak Roman Cath-



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olic Church of St. Anthony's was founded in Webster, Massachusetts, by the present pastor, Rev. Paul C. Herman, and under his devoted care has built up a prosperous church body. Father Herman has been in America for more than twenty years, and has served other churches in other States, and his work in Webster is in line with the civic and social progress of the day.

Rev. Paul C. Herman was born at Zvolen, Slovakia, January 4, 1862, and is a son of Paul and Annie (Knop) Herman, his father a butcher by trade. As a child he attended the parochial schools of his birthplace, then as a young man he entered college at Banska, Bystrica. His theological course was covered at the Seminary of St. Charles, in the same city, and he was ordained in 1885 by Bishop Arnold Ipolyi. For the first eight years of his priesthood, Father Herman served as curate among the different churches of his native land, then his first charge as pastor was the Church of the Assumption, at Motycky, which he served for a period of nine years. He then went to Austria, where he was associated with the Benedictine Fathers for one year, after which in 1901 he came to America. His first charge in this country was at Streator, Illinois, as pastor of St. Stephen's, and there he remained for two years. Thereafter, for short periods, he served as pastor of different churches in many other States, going here and there at the call of duty. In 1912 Father Herman returned to Slovakia for a year's stay, and upon his return to America in 1913 he was appointed to a church in South Chicago, Illinois, where he was active for about four years. In 1917 Father Herman came to Webster, Massachusetts, for the special work of gathering together the Slovak people of this community in a parish of their own. This was named St. Anthony, and Father Herman bought a Protestant church building, which he remodeled and enlarged for the home of this congregation. He has also built a rectory and improved and beautified the church property. Beginning with a small membership he has had the satisfaction of seeing the church grow steadily, the spiritual life of his people has developed wonderfully. They look up to him and revere him as their moral and spiritual guide and teacher, and his work is having a broadly beneficent influence in the community. In political matters Father Herman supports the Democratic party, and personally and in his sacred office he gives encouragement and aid to all movements which make for the progress and well being of the community. He has won the esteem of the people, including his contemporaries in religious work, irrespective of denomination or creed.

EARL S. FISHER—President and secretary of the Bay State Comb Company, Mr. Fisher is widely known in Western Massachusetts business circles. He was born at Brattleboro, Vermont, May 7, 1885, son of Fred S. and Lilian A. (Smead) Fisher. His father, who was a master carpenter by trade, moved to Leominster in Worcester County, Massachusetts, when Mr. Fisher was only twelve years old, and the family home has ever since been in that town.

Mr. Fisher received his education in the public schools of Leominster and proceeded from grammar school to

high school. His talents were of a decidedly practical nature, and when he was graduated from high school he determined to begin his business career immediately. He took advantage, therefore, of an opening in the office of Alfred Burke & Company, manufacturers of combs. Entering the Leominster office of this company, he held various positions, working as shipper, as receiver, and as order clerk. He found this work interesting and the intricacies of the manufacturing processes, as well as the trade problems encountered in this special field of industry, engaged all his attention. He retained his connection with Alfred Burke & Company for some time, acquiring an excellent knowledge of the comb manufacturing business and developing those qualities of business sagacity, foresight, and devotion to his work which have since brought him so substantial a measure of success. He finally left the firm in order to learn the manufacturing end of the business. He became president of the Bay State Comb Company in 1920, believing that his abilities would find fuller scope in a firm in which he was an officer than in one in which he held a position as an employee, however valued. During his presidency of the Bay State Comb Company Mr. Fisher developed the company's business and established it upon so sound a financial basis that in 1922 it became necessary to reorganize the business in order to keep pace with the greatly increased volume of sales made yearly. In this reorganization Mr. Fisher resigned the presidency of the company and became its secretary and general manager. In this capacity his long practical experience and personal force as an organizer have been of inestimable value to the firm, and he has won for himself a secure place in the business world, where his success is recognized as the true reward of his ability and self-sacrificing devotion to the best interests of his firm. In 1923 he became president and secretary.

In religious faith Mr. Fisher is a member of the Universalist church. He has always devoted all his attention to the interests of his business and has consequently taken no active part in political affairs. He believes that in an age so complex as ours it is better for those whose business affairs monopolize their time to abstain from seeking office or engaging in political discussion, than to enter into the field of politics without due reflection and a careful consideration of all the factors determining legislative policies. In a similar manner he has never found it advisable to join the ranks of any fraternal or social organization; yet it must not be supposed that he does not take the keenest and most lively interest in everything that can advance public welfare and prosperity. He is always ready to lend his support to progressive movements, and takes a great pride in the position of eminence enjoyed by Leominster as a business center.

On September 27, 1910, he married, at Fitchburg, Julia Viau, daughter of John and Delia (Sarah) Viau. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have one child, Francis, who was born December 8, 1911, and is a pupil in the Leominster grammar schools.

ALBA JONES MARSHALL—To those who devote their energy and ability to the work of "feeding the world" every country owes much. It is the agriculturist

who lays the foundations of prosperity. Without his work the fabric of organized human activity must collapse. Without his work the occupations which in a material sense are "non-producing," but yet which add so greatly to the sum of human happiness, must go out of existence. One of the skilful and successful agriculturists of Worcester County is Alba J. Marshall, of Southboro, Massachusetts, who through a long and active career has been engaged in cultivating the homestead farm, first as his father's assistant and then as owner and manager of the farm.

Mr. Marshall is a descendant of John Marshall, who was born in England in 1621, and sailed for America in September, 1635, in the ship "Hopewell," accompanied by his brother, Christopher Marshall. Both brothers settled in Boston, but after a few years spent in that city Christopher Marshall returned to England. John Marshall was for a time in the employ of Edward Hutchinson, and later became a landowner and a proprietor of the town, having been admitted an inhabitant of Boston, February 24, 1640. This John Marshall was a descendant of another John Marshall, of Southwark, England, whose son John founded Christ Church at Southwark, and to whom was granted a coat-of-arms, which his descendants bear:

Arms—Argent, a chevron, cotised, sable, between three bucks' heads gules.

Crest—A greyhound sejant argent, gorged with a collar gules, ringed or, resting the dexter foot on a buck's head, cabossed of the second.

(I.) John Marshall, of Boston, Massachusetts, was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married, in 1645, Sarah ———, who died September 28, 1685, aged sixty-six years. John Marshall died at Boston, March 10, 1715. His children were: Joseph, of further mention; Samuel, Sarah, Hannah, John, Thomas, Christopher, Benjamin, Christopher (2), and Peter.

(II.) Joseph Marshall, son of John and Sarah Marshall, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and was baptized August 12, 1655. He resided in Ipswich, Massachusetts, and served in King Philip's War under Captain Prentice in the Mount Hope campaign. His name is on the tax list of Ipswich, 1678. His children, born at Ipswich, were: Joseph, Deacon Thomas, of further mention; Benjamin, Abiezar (Ebenezer).

(III.) Deacon Thomas Marshall, son of Joseph Marshall, was born at Ipswich, Massachusetts, March 28, 1692, and died at Holliston, Massachusetts, April 3, 1766, aged seventy-five years. He was a blacksmith by trade. He settled first in Newton, Massachusetts, where he bought a shop and six acres of land adjoining John Park's place. After a few years he removed to Holliston, where he was deacon of the church for a period of thirty-eight years, and was on the Board of Selectmen ten years. He married (first), November 2, 1715, Esther Leonard, of Watertown. She died December 10, 1761, aged seventy-one years, and he married (second) Abigail Cutler, widow, in 1762. Their gravestones are in the Holliston burying ground. Children of Deacon Thomas and Esther (Leonard) Marshall were: Joseph, born January 4, 1717, married in 1737, Mary Leland, and settled in Milford, Massachusetts; Thomas, of further mention; Ebenezer, born September 18, 1721, millwright, settled in Framingham, Massachusetts. The

foregoing were born at Newton, the following in Holliston: John, born in 1723, married Mary Farnsworth; Dinah, born in 1725, died in 1729; Ezra, born in 1729, died in 1732; Nahum, born in 1732 (Harvard College, 1744), married Martha Lord; James, born in 1734, married Lydia Harrington, of Framington.

(IV.) Thomas Marshall, son of Deacon Thomas and Esther (Leonard) Marshall, was born at Newton, Massachusetts, October 8, 1719, and died at Temple, New Hampshire. He lived at Holliston, Massachusetts, during his active years. He and his brother John removed with their families to Temple, New Hampshire, and Thomas was Constable there in 1769. Thomas married (first), April 19, 1744, Beriah Grand; (second), September 12, 1754, Abigail Cobb; (third) Mary ———, at Holliston. The children of Thomas and Beriah (Grant) Marshall, born at Holliston, were: Keziah, born March 2, 1745; Thomas, born January 24, 1746, was lieutenant in Temple Company, in the Revolution; Aaron, born November 8, 1747, resided in Temple; David, of further mention; Jonathan, born October 26, 1752, resided in Temple. Child of Thomas and his second wife, Mary Marshall: Jonathan, born January 24, 1757.

(V.) David Marshall, son of Thomas and Beriah (Grant) Marshall, was born at Holliston, Massachusetts, December 13, 1750, and removed with his parents to Temple, New Hampshire. He later resided in Dublin, New Hampshire, where several of the family settled. He was a soldier in the Revolution and fought in the battle of Bunker Hill. He served in Captain Ezra Towne's company, Colonel James Reed's regiment, in 1775; in Captain Samuel McConnell's company, Colonel David Gilman's regiment, in 1776-77. These were New Hampshire regiments. About 1777 he removed to Maine, settling first for a short time at Fryburg then at Sudbury, Canada, now the town of Bethel, Maine, of which town he was the fifth settler. He was driven away by the Indians August 3, 1781, and his home destroyed, but his wife had been warned of the approach of the Indians, and when he saw them coming he gathered together what provisions he had (a piece of meat and a little sugar) put them in a bag, took his gun, and with his wife and two children, one two years old, the other an infant, took to the woods. They started for Jackson's Camp, now the town of Paris, Maine, and nearly starved before they reached the safety of the camp, for he did not dare to fire his gun to kill game for fear of the Indians. His wife was the first white woman to take lodgings in what is now Paris, Maine. They went from Jackson's Camp to New Gloucester by the aid of blazed trees, and stayed until the danger from Indians was past. They then settled in the town of Minot, Maine, where their son Moses was born. Finding that the title to his farm in Minot was not clear, he moved into the adjoining town of Hebron, formerly Sheperdsfield, cleared his farm, built a saw mill and a grist mill and spent the remainder of his days there. He died at Hebron, November 20, 1828. He married (first), September 15, 1772. He married (second) Lucy Mason, daughter of Moses Mason, who died in Hebron, August 25, 1824. The only child of the first marriage was: Thomas, born May 12, 1773, at Temple, New Hampshire. The children of David and Lucy (Mason)



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Marshall were: David, Jr., born at Bethel, February 1, 1779, married Sarah Goss; Asahel, born March 9, 1781; Lucy, born at Hebron, May 8, 1783, died unmarried; Walter, born at Hebron, August 17, 1785, was a minister, married Thirza Gurney; John, born at Hebron, November 15, 1787, married Sally Gurney; Moses, of further mention; Aaron, born January 19, 1792, married (first) Elipha Dunham, and (second) Bethia Bumpus; Nathan, born January 16, 1795; and Miriam, born in April, 1798, married Joseph Irish.

(VI.) Moses Marshall, son of David and Lucy (Mason) Marshall, was born at Minot, Maine, July 25, 1789, and died at Hebron, Maine. He succeeded to his father's farm and mills and added to these a shingle mill and a carding mill. He trained with the militia during his youth and was called out during the War of 1812 to serve in the defense of Portland in 1814. He was a member of the Hebron Baptist Church. He married Ruth Whittemore, who was born and died in Hebron. She was also a member of the Baptist church there. Their children were: Isaac Whittemore, born in January, 1816, and died November 21, 1903; Miranda, born January 18, 1818; Deborah, Moses Mason, born December 15, 1822; Thomas; Joseph Irish, of further mention; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, Albert Quincy, Frank Adelbert, and Ruth Whittemore.

(VII.) Joseph Irish Marshall, son of Moses and Ruth (Whittemore) Marshall, was born in Hebron, Maine, March 26, 1826. After receiving a good practical education in the public schools of his native district, he became his father's assistant on the farm and eventually devoted his entire time to agricultural pursuit. Politically he gave his support to the Republican party and always took an active interest in local affairs. He was highly esteemed by his fellow townsmen, and was one of those who quietly gave his support to all movements for the improvement of the public welfare. On April 1, 1868, he removed to Southboro, Massachusetts, where he died January 26, 1902. He married, March 8, 1851, Vilona Jones, of Turner, Maine, who was born in Turner October 19, 1832, granddaughter of Benjamin and Tabitha (Leavitt) Jones, of Taunton, Massachusetts, who were among the pioneer settlers in Turner. Children of Joseph Irish and Vilona (Jones) Marshall were: Alba Jones, of further mention; Fred Alton, born August 5, 1858, and died December 7, 1858; Nellie Gertrude, born October 27, 1861, and died April 30, 1862.

(VIII.) Alba Jones Marshall, son of Joseph Irish and Vilona (Jones) Marshall, was born in Hebron, Maine, December 12, 1852. After receiving his early education in the public schools of Hebron, Maine, and of Southboro, Massachusetts, he completed his preparation for active life by taking a course in Hebron Academy. When his academic course was completed he returned to Southboro, in 1868, where he became his father's assistant on the farm. Gradually, as he became more expert and experienced his father relinquished the cares of the farm, and Alba J. finally assumed the entire responsibility. Upon the death of his father he became the owner of the farm and throughout the entire period of his active career he has most successfully engaged in taking care of the homestead acres. He is widely known as a successful and progressive farmer and a man of high integrity and honor. Politically he gives

his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party.

Alba Jones Marshall married, on December 17, 1889, in Southboro, Sarah Ann Williams, who was educated in the public schools of Southboro and in Framingham Normal School, daughter of Caleb Strong and Sarah Foster (Walkup) Williams. Her father, Caleb Strong Williams, was a miller and a farmer by occupation, holding several town offices, and was a charter member of St. Bernard Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was treasurer for several years. Mrs. Marshall's great-grandfather, James Williams, was a soldier in the Revolution, and a descendant of the first Robert Williams, who settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1637.

PATRICK F. FINNERTY—A bit of Celtic charm is associated with the career of Patrick F. Finnerty, proprietor of the music, news, and stationery establishment located in the Philbin Block, on High Street, at Clinton, Massachusetts. With true Irish versatility and vigor he has been successfully engaged in a varied line of business activities, including that of the professional musician, and with equally characteristic ease and skill he has established and developed a lucrative business concern.

Michael Finnerty, father of Patrick F. Finnerty, emigrated from Ireland to Canada in 1827. Ten years later he decided to try his fortune in the States, and in 1837 removed to Clinton, Massachusetts, where he was the second Irishman to make his home there. With a man named Sawyer, a builder of roads, he obtained employment for a time, but after a time made a change, severing his connection with Mr. Sawyer and entering the employ of Mr. Riley as a bricklayer. Not yet entirely satisfied with his work, he subsequently made another change, this time becoming an employee of H. B. Bigelow. Here he found the work which his Irish heart craved. Mr. Bigelow, recognizing Mr. Finnerty's abilities, and being in need of some one to care for his extensive grounds, offered him a position as gardener on the beautiful Bigelow estate. At last he had found his place, and from that time to the time of his death, a period of half a century, Michael Finnerty loved and cared for the growing plants and flowers which thrived under his care as though the pixies and fairies of Old Ireland had themselves come to take a hand in the work. Michael Finnerty married, in Worcester, Massachusetts, Margaret Burke of Clinton, Massachusetts, and they were the parents of ten children, of whom nine are living, among them Patrick F., of further mention.

Patrick F. Finnerty was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, March 27, 1862, and attended the public schools of Clinton until he was eleven years of age. He then began his active career, finding his first employment in the cutting department of the Harris comb shop at Clinton, where he remained for one year. He then decided that he could find larger opportunity elsewhere and secured a position in the cloth room of the Lancaster Mills in Clinton. There he remained for several years, but while attending to his work with diligence and skill, he was using his spare time to advance himself in an entirely different line. He had become interested in music, and was learning to play the clarinet. With

characteristic energy he was not satisfied to merely be able to play. He made a thorough study of his instrument and of the kinds of music for which the clarinet is best adapted. There was little time left when the long day's work in the mills was ended, but such as there was he continued to use faithfully and wisely. Gradually he developed the skill and the technique necessary for the full expression of his Celtic love of the beautiful, and as his reputation as a clarinetist began to grow, he found that he had by hard and faithful work laid the solid foundations which enabled him to take advantage of the opportunities which began to come to his door. Slowly at first, but more and more rapidly later, requests for playing musical engagements came in, and finally he was able to leave the mills entirely and devote his whole time to his music. With his brothers, Michael J. and James J., he formed Finnerty's Orchestra, which was the first orchestra organized in the town of Clinton, and which for a period of ten years devoted its entire time to concert work and to the filling of dance and other engagements. After about ten years of successful concert work, Mr. Finnerty, with Irish thrift and foresight, decided to establish himself upon a firm financial basis. He had been saving a fair proportion of his earnings, and with these as capital he established a small music store at No. 109 Mechanic Street, in Clinton. The business increased steadily, and on February 15, 1899, he removed to No. 23 High Street, in order to secure larger quarters for the accommodation of his greatly expanded patronage. Thrifty and energetic, he took good care of the earnings of his venture, turning a goodly share of the profits back into the business, and by 1909 another move became advisable. In that year he was the first merchant to move into the newly completed Philbin Block on High Street, and there he has continued to the present time (1923). He carries a diversified line of goods, including musical instruments, sheet and folio music, newspapers, magazines, stationery, and confectionery, and his establishment is widely patronized by his many musical friends as well as by the public in general. Thus, from the eleven-year-old boy toiling in the comb shop and later in the cloth mills, Mr. Finnerty has by energy, thrift, and ability, risen to a position of financial security and taken his place among the successful business men of Clinton.

Mr. Finnerty takes a deep interest in local public affairs, and all projects planned for the advancement of the public welfare find him a willing supporter. He has served as a member of the Board of Registry in Clinton. Fraternally he is a Past Exalted Ruler of Hudson Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a present member of lodge in Clinton of that order. He is also a member of the Order of Foresters of America, and his religious affiliation is with St. John's Roman Catholic Church of Clinton. Besides being very fond of music, Mr. Finnerty is very much interested in fishing, hunting, and gardening.

Though popular among a large group of friends and associates, and successfully engaged in an exacting business, Mr. Finnerty's chief interest is his home, which is shared by Agnes (Carr) Finnerty, daughter of John and Mary (McGrail) Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Finnerty were married August 19, 1919, and they reside at No. 129 Walnut Street, in Clinton.

CHARLES ALLEN BLISS—One of the outstanding young men in the business world of Worcester, Massachusetts, is Charles Allen Bliss, a partner of the firm of Morse, Bliss & Company, brokers of this city. Mr. Bliss is a native of the State of Massachusetts, and is a son of Albert W. and Jenny W. (Thayer) Bliss, his father a leading leather merchant of Boston.

Charles Allen Bliss was born at Brookline, Massachusetts, August 14, 1886, and his early education was acquired at the Westminster Private School, Simsbury, Connecticut. He later entered Harvard University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1908 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the First National Bank of Boston, as student banker, and there thoroughly familiarized himself with the theory and practice of banking as carried on at the present day. He later became identified with George H. Burr & Company, note brokers, remaining until 1913. Then went with the brokerage firm of White, Weld & Company, of Boston, as their representative at Springfield, Massachusetts. He was very successful in this field, but after a time resigned to come to Worcester as a representative of the firm of Harris, Forbes & Company of Boston, in the bond business. With American intervention in Europe, he enlisted in the United States Army on November 3, 1917, and was active in the air service for many months. He was commissioned second lieutenant of air service, reserve military aviator, at Carlstrom Field, Florida, in July, 1918. He was transferred to Brooks Field, at San Antonio, Texas, as soon as he was commissioned and upon completing the course for instructors he was made flying instructor on August 30, 1918, and was appointed flight commander in November of the same year. He received his honorable discharge from the service on January 3, 1919. Returning to Worcester, Mr. Bliss again resumed his activities as representative of Harris, Forbes & Company, and continued with them until July 15, 1920. He then formed his present affiliation, the firm becoming at that time Morse, Bliss & Smith. A further change of personnel took place on January 1, 1922, the firm thereby becoming Morse, Bliss & Company, under which title these young men are still continuing. Mr. Bliss is counted among the thoroughly successful young men of Worcester County, and in his activities in this connection is contributing definitely to the prosperity and economic security of the people. He is a member of the American Legion, of Quinsigamond Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Sons of the American Revolution. He also holds membership in the Harvard Club of Boston, and the Tatnuck Country Club of Worcester. He is identified with the First Unitarian Church of Worcester, of which he is now (1923) treasurer.

Mr. Bliss married, at Brookline, Massachusetts, on September 26, 1914, Wilhelmina Shreve, daughter of William Price and Carmelita (Bacon) Shreve, of Providence, Rhode Island. They have a daughter, Janet, born April 3, 1923.

CHARLES L. PETTES—Among the business men who are efficiently filling executive positions in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, is Charles L. Pettes, president of the Darling & Rhodes Company, engaged in the wholesale and retail glass and crockery business.



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Charles L. Pettes is a son of Moses M. Pettes, a carpenter and machinist, who served as a first-class engineer in the United States Navy during the Civil War, and of Margaret (Bacon) Pettes, and was born in Canton, Massachusetts, June 16, 1857. When he was eight years of age he removed with his parents to Oxford, Massachusetts, and in the public school of that town he received his education. When school days were over he then being sixteen years of age, he secured his first position as a clerk in the employ of Davis & Foster, a local grocery firm, with whom he remained for a period of two years. At the end of that time he severed his connection with Davis & Foster and entered the employ of W. E. and E. S. Pease, another grocery firm of Oxford, with whom he remained about two years. He then found employment with A. L. Joslin & Company of Oxford, cutting shoes and his connection with that firm he maintained continuously for a period of twenty years, at the end of which time he became identified with the firm of which he is now president. He began this connection with the firm of Darling & Rhodes, at No. 24 Washington Square, Worcester, as bookkeeper, in 1899. Later becoming a salesman for the firm. The firm was incorporated in 1907, and Mr. Pettes was made president about 1913, which official position he still holds (1923). The firm is engaged in the wholesale and retail handling of glass and crockery, and the business has been and still is steadily expanding. The business outgrew its first quarters, so in 1914 the establishment was removed to No. 15 Norwich Street, Worcester, where it is still located. The experience, ability, and energy of Mr. Pettes has been an important factor in the steady expansion in the business of the firm, and his services are greatly appreciated by his associates. Politically Mr. Pettes gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and though he has not found time for the burden of public office, he has, as a private citizen and a successful business man, contributed a large share to the advancement of the welfare of the city of Worcester. Fraternally he is affiliated with Oxford Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Oxford Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he is Past Master, of Oxford, Massachusetts; the Order of the Eastern Star; Maanexit Lodge, No. 117, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Webster, Massachusetts; also the United Commercial Travelers of Worcester. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist church.

Charles L. Pettes married, on September 12, 1883, at Pepperell, Massachusetts, Helena Angell, daughter of Charles A. and Mary Jane (Bigelow) Angell. Mr. and Mrs. Pettes are the parents of two children: 1. Louise A., who was born at Oxford, Massachusetts, December 23, 1884, and married George A. Wakefield, and they have one daughter, Helena Louise. 2. Charles B., who was born at Oxford, Massachusetts, December 1, 1885; he is an actor and female impersonator, and is also employed in the office of the White Entertainment Bureau of Boston.

FREDERICK H. LANE, as the leading executive of Frederick H. Lane & Company, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, holds a noteworthy position in the commercial life of Worcester County, and his progress has carried

him to large success. Mr. Lane has been identified with the progress of the State of Massachusetts for some twenty-eight years, and his activity in Fitchburg has contributed to the general advance. He is a grandson of Frederick and Mary (Craig) Lane, who settled in New Jersey many years ago, and a son of William and C. (Lane) Lane, his father prominent in farming activities in the State of New Jersey.

Frederick H. Lane was born at South Branch, New Jersey, February 12, 1873. His education was received in the public schools and he gained his early business experience in retail clothing activities with a Somerville, New Jersey, concern. Continuing in this connection only a short time, however, Mr. Lane then entered a manufacturing establishment in the same community known as the Somerville Woolen Mills, and was there employed for about five years. Next establishing himself as a merchant at East Pepperell, Massachusetts, in 1896, Mr. Lane developed a prosperous interest along the line of retail clothing and men's furnishings, under the title of Lane Brothers. Coming to Fitchburg in 1902, he formed a partnership with Charles Jewett and Matthew C. Lane in a similar line of activity. In 1904 the interest was incorporated under the title of the F. H. Lane Company, Frederick H. Lane becoming president and treasurer; Thomas P. Kelley, secretary; Matthew C. Lane, vice-president. This association has continued until the present time with ever increasing success, and the standing of the F. H. Lane Company, both in the trade and in the business world, is of the highest. Mr. Lane is prominently identified with fraternal advance as a member of Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Masonic Club; a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, which he has served as president and a member of the board of directors; and the Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with Rollstone Congregational Church.

Mr. Lane married, in December, 1896, at Somerville, New Jersey, Amy H. Lindsley, daughter of Augustus C. and Lemma A. (Field) Lindsley. Mr. and Mrs. Lane are the parents of three children: A. Lindsley, born June 25, 1899; Wilfred C., born September 10, 1901; and Beatrice, born October 5, 1909.

EDGAR J. SMITH was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, April 15, 1884, and educated in the district schools there and at Battle Creek, Michigan, also attending a business college in the latter city. His first position was secured as a bookkeeper in Detroit, and for thirteen years that continued to be his work, 1905-18. Then he was employed for a period of two and a half years with the Steel Corporation of Detroit. Following that he engaged in the real estate business for a year and a half, and in farming for two years in Holly, Michigan. In 1920 he came to South Lancaster, where he became a partner in the South Lancaster Printing Company.

Edgar J. Smith married, February 14, 1910, Grace E. Kinniburgh, of Detroit, Michigan, and their one child, Grace Jean, was born in Detroit, May 27, 1911. They are members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

DENNIS D. O'CONNELL, owner of the Sterling Worsted Mills of the city of Worcester, for nearly a quarter of a century has been engaged in the manufac-

ture of fancy worsted goods. He is well known as one of the successful manufacturers of the county, and is interested in several financial enterprises.

Mr. O'Connell was born in Millbury, Massachusetts, June 13, 1869, and is a son of Philip, who was born in Ireland and came to the United States about 1848, where he engaged in business as a shoemaker, and Margaret (Cullinan) O'Connell, who was also a native of Ireland. He received his education in the public schools of Millbury, and when his high school course was completed, at the age of sixteen years, began his active career as an employee in the mills of Auburn, Massachusetts. He was faithful and energetic, and at the end of four years was made overseer, in which capacity he remained for four years longer. He then made a change and went to Methuen, Massachusetts, and accepted a position in the employ of the Tremont Worsted Company, as overseer of the finishing of fancy worsteds. Several years later, on August 14, 1899, in company with a partner, Mr. O'Connell purchased the business and plant of L. L. Brigham, of Worcester. The factory contained twelve looms. Mr. O'Connell discarded eight of these and replaced them with twelve more, making a total of sixteen looms. Under the efficient management of Mr. O'Connell the firm rapidly increased the output, and three and a half years after the purchase of the plant Mr. O'Connell purchased his partner's interest and became the sole owner of the business. During the years that have passed since that time the business has steadily grown, and has required larger and better accommodations. The original sixteen looms with which Mr. O'Connell began his manufacturing venture, has been increased to seventy-six, and the concern is now manufacturing more than one million dollars' worth of worsted yearly. In addition to the building of a large and successful manufacturing enterprise, Mr. O'Connell has found time for other activities. He is a member of the board of directors of the Bancroft Trust Company of Worcester. He is one of the active and interested members of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and has always been ready to contribute his share to the advancement of the public welfare. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. Mr. O'Connell has many friends in Worcester.

Dennis D. O'Connell married, on September 23, 1891, Mary E. Murphy, who is a native of Ireland.

GEORGE A. PORTER—The firm of Tenney & Porter of Leominster, Massachusetts, was founded by C. H. Tenney and Charles H. Porter in 1883, they opening in that year a factory devoted to the manufacture of horn goods. The use of horn was later practically abandoned in the lines the firm were making, celluloid taking its place. Tenney & Porter, after stemming the tide as long as it was profitable, changed their product from horn to celluloid goods, and since then the factory has turned out nothing else. George A. Porter, son of Charles H. Porter, in 1914 came into the business founded by his father and has since been its managing head. Tenney & Porter was the second firm in Leominster to manufacture celluloid goods, its specialty being hair ornaments. The factory plant is located at No. 105 Union Street, where it occupies two floors and basement, and this firm gives employment to

from fifty to seventy-five hands. The firm has always prospered, and under its present ownership and management has greatly expanded.

George A. Porter, son of Charles H. and Mary E. (Chase) Porter, was born in Leominster March 25, 1872, and at the age of seven years was left motherless. Charles H. Porter, founder of Tenney & Porter, continued in business as a manufacturer until his death. George A. Porter was educated in the public schools of Leominster and the Worcester Business College, there completing his school years. He then entered the employ of Tenney & Porter, founded in 1883, and then engaged in making horn goods. He grew into responsible relations with the business, and practically was manager when in 1914 he became the actual managing head, and so continues, the product having long been changed from horn to celluloid goods. Mr. Porter has known no other business than that of Tenney & Porter, coming into the plant when just out of school and continuing steadily until the present, 1923. Since 1914 he has been sole owner and manager, and he has won the high esteem of the business community in which he moves.

Mr. Porter is a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with lodge, chapter, council, and commandery. He is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, a member of the Leominster Country Club, the Leominster Club, the Masonic Club, the Bass Point Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. He attends the Protestant Episcopal church.

Mr. Porter married, in December, 1904, Annie E. Grimshaw, born in Princeton, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: Charles E. and Janet E.

WALTER CLARK—As president and treasurer of the Terry Manufacturing Company, Mr. Clark holds a prominent position in the textile industry in Worcester County, Massachusetts. A man of large ability and extensive experience in his chosen field of endeavor, Mr. Clark took up the duties of the leading executive of this concern upon its founding in the year 1913. The growth and development of the organization have been marked, and have carried the interest to a noteworthy position in the textile industry. Mr. Clark is a son of John Lawrence Clark, who was born in Liverpool, England, and was active in the iron industry until his retirement in 1903. The mother, Jemima (Firth) Clark, was born in Bradford, England, and died in 1912.

Walter Clark was born at Bradford, England, May 4, 1872. Receiving his early education in the national schools of his native land, Mr. Clark later attended the Bradford Technical College and made special preparation for his career in the textile industry. As a young man he entered one of the great mills of his native city, and from that time forward has followed textile activities, in England until 1905, then came to this country. Here also he continued in textile activities, and was first identified with the Queensbury Mills Company as superintendent. In 1912 Mr. Clark established what is now known as the Terry Manufacturing Company, as owner and manager. The business developed very extensively, and Mr. Clark found himself in the position of the man whose interests demand more executive heads. Accordingly, in 1923, the enterprise was incorporated, and Mr. Clark becoming president and treasurer, he is now carrying it forward with other associates on a more exten-

sive scale. They employ about sixty workers and manufacture a special line of mohair goods, including Amazons and suitings. They have two mills, one at No. 300 Southbridge Street, and one at No. 49 Herman Street. At the latter plant they manufacture a ladies' coating material, known under the trademark of "Gloriosa." They have in all about sixty looms, and the popularity of their goods is so marked that they are in constant operation. Mr. Clark has few interests or affiliations outside of the business world, but is identified with Montague Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters. He attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Clark married, in 1895, Elizabeth Hodgson, who was born in Millom, England, and died January 17, 1923, leaving two children: Edith and Marion.

WILLIAM E. O'SHEA, D. D. S.—In professional circles in Worcester County Dr. O'Shea is winning a position of prominence, and as a doctor of dental surgery has developed a very considerable practice during the nine years of his activity. A native of this country and trained in prominent American institutions, Dr. O'Shea is a son of Patrick and Ellen (O'Connell) O'Shea, his father for many years a commission merchant of Worcester, but now retired.

William E. O'Shea was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, April 9, 1891. His education was begun in the public schools of his birthplace, and following his graduation from the Worcester High School he entered the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated in the class of 1914, receiving his degree at that time. Returning to his native State shortly after his graduation, Dr. O'Shea entered the employ of a prominent dentist of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, later working in an office in Fall River, Massachusetts, in order to gain breadth of experience. Dr. O'Shea opened an office in Webster in 1915, and has continued here since uninterruptedly, developing a large and lucrative practice and gaining an assured footing in the profession. He gives his influence and support to all progressive effort, and politically is identified with the Democratic party, although as yet he has never accepted public office. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is a member of the Putnam Country Club. His religious affiliation is with St. Louis' Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. O'Shea married Blanche E. White, of Worcester, Massachusetts, daughter of James and Matilda (King) White. Dr. and Mrs. O'Shea are the parents of one child, Roy Anthony.

RAYMOND DRAPER—In the world of finance of Worcester County, Massachusetts, Raymond Draper has won a position of large responsibility and marked importance as cashier of the People's National Bank of Southbridge. Active in financial affairs since the completion of his education, Mr. Draper has risen by his own efforts to a position of dignity and broad significance and is commanding the esteem not only of his associates in the institution but of the people generally. He is a son of Allan H. and Alice M. (Glover) Draper,

both natives of Massachusetts and both now living, the father being active as a building contractor.

Raymond Draper was born at Revere, Massachusetts, May 14, 1895. Receiving his early education in the public schools of Framingham, to which city the family had removed in his childhood, he completed his studies at the Framingham High School and shortly thereafter became associated with the Framingham Trust Company in a minor capacity. Active in this connection for about a year and a half, Mr. Draper came to Southbridge in 1916 to become affiliated with the Southbridge National Bank and filled a responsible position in that institution until 1919. He then went to Boston, where he entered the First National Bank of that city as a student in training for foreign service and continued there for about two years. Then returning to Southbridge, Mr. Draper formed a connection with the Southbridge National Bank and continued with that institution until the year 1922. Mr. Draper then accepted the position as cashier of the People's National Bank of Southbridge, in which capacity he is still active. Mr. Draper is a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce and bears a constructive part in every movement for community advance. His leisure interests are those of the outdoor world, and his clubs are the Southbridge, the Cohasset Country, the Worcester Tennis, and the Quinebaug. He is a member of the Episcopal church.

Raymond Draper married, on February 18, 1922, Katharine Cornwall, who was born at Buffalo, New York, and they have lost one little son, Raymond Cornwall, born December 8, 1922, and died May 30, 1923.

SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS—In one of the vital lines of business effort in Southbridge, Massachusetts, Samuel W. Williams holds a leading position, his interest having been inherited from his father, and he has gone forward to more than usual success. Samuel Williams, Mr. William's father, was born at Whitney, England, and came to this country as a young man, settling in Southbridge. He bought out the undertaking business theretofore owned by a Mr. Beecher, and taking over the interest in the year 1854, he carried it forward with large success, developing its scope materially. He was a man of broad public spirit, always alert to the movement of the times, and in his business activities he contributed in no slight degree to the welfare of the people. His death on May 5, 1911, removed from the community a man whose loss was keenly felt in every circle in which he had been known. The mother, Ella M. (Underwood) Williams, was born at Holland, Massachusetts, and is still living.

Samuel W. Williams was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, February 17, 1894. His early education was received in the local public schools and following the high school course he entered Post's Business College at Worcester, where he made comprehensive preparation for his future. Immediately following the completion of his education Mr. Williams learned the undertaking business, and in 1917 took over the business as its independent head and has since been thus active. Mr. Williams is one of the progressive, forward-looking young men of the day in Southbridge, and commands the esteem and confidence of all who know him. Under

his management the interest has developed extensively. He is affiliated with Quinebaug Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Doric Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Sons of Saint George; also the Knights of Pythias. He is a prominent member of the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is also a director, and is a member of the Southbridge Club. He attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Williams married, on November 12, 1919, Louise Locke, who was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, daughter of Horace Locke, and they have one son, Samuel W., Jr., born November 28, 1920.

CHARLES OTTO SWANSON—Few pioneers of recent years have achieved success more broadly worth while and more definitely useful to the people than Charles Otto Swanson, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Coming to the United States as an immigrant boy of eighteen some thirty-four years ago, he has won his way through his own initiative to his present position as president of the Massachusetts Baking Company, one of the leading concerns in its field, operating seven plants in important cities of Massachusetts and Connecticut, with general offices at Springfield, Massachusetts.

Mr. Swanson's family was a prominent one in Sweden, and his father, Gunnar Swanson, was a well-known millwright in that country, establishing many nationally important concerns, overseeing installations, etc. He followed his nine children to the United States after his retirement, and settled in Brooklyn, New York, where he remained until his death, which occurred at the age of sixty-five years, the sunset of his life being spent in comfort among his children. The mother, Eleanor (Anderson) Swanson, who was also born in Sweden, accompanied him to this country and died in Brooklyn at the age of sixty-two years.

Charles Otto Swanson was born in Sweden, May 27, 1871. His early education was acquired at the public schools of Helsingborg, Sweden, and from boyhood he cherished an ambition to come to America, whither his elder brothers had sailed. His tastes early developed along mercantile lines, and when only eight years of age he demonstrated his natural ability as a salesman, developing a brisk business at the railway station selling candy, cigars and fruits. He was always on hand after school, on Saturdays, and holidays, and while he was thus engaged a brother from America returned for a visit and promised him that when he was older he should come to the United States and have wider opportunities. Meanwhile, Mr. Swanson became active in his father's business as soon as his common school course was completed, and learned its details, but later drifted into the flour business, learning the trade of baker. While he was thus engaged, he studied English in preparation for his coming to the United States, and on June 1, 1889, only a few days after his eighteenth birthday, he landed in New York City. Four of his brothers were then living in Brooklyn, and they offered to care for him while he attended school and learned the customs of the country. They were all following the mill wright trade, and wished to give him a start in life. Mr. Swanson declined, preferring to attend night schools and provide for his own maintenance. So he struck out to find work, and learning that there was a Swedish contractor in

Fort Hamilton who might need help, he started in that direction. On the way he passed a building under construction, and stopping to look things over, took the contract to lathe the house. He had never seen a lath put on, so he searched the town until he saw other workmen engaged in this branch of construction. He watched these men for a short time, then went to work on his contract, which he completed with entire satisfaction to his employer. Mr. Swanson then secured a position with a Swedish contractor in New York City, with whom he continued for about one year. Then an attack of malaria struck him down and the physicians advised him to go to another climate. Going to the White Mountains, he found his health improved, and was persuaded to take up life insurance, and he was so largely successful that he received an offer of an agency. But other interests had caught his attention. In the course of his life insurance activities he had been in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, several times, and had seen an opportunity in the form of a small bakery. This business he purchased in partnership with a friend in 1894. They enlarged the plant and developed the trade, and three years later they purchased also the old Boutell Cracker Bakery, one of the oldest enterprises of its kind in the State of Massachusetts, having been established in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

From this time forward the Swanson interests grew rapidly and steadily. About 1911 Mr. Swanson's brother, Arthur G. Swanson, became interested with him, and they bought the Currier & Fairbanks bakery in Worcester, Massachusetts, then a year and a half later they built the Worcester Baking Company, which is now the largest individual bakery in the New England States. In 1915 the present Swanson Baking Company's plant in Fitchburg was built. Charles O. Swanson was the sole proprietor of this plant from 1905-06 until November 30, 1917, when he founded the present corporation, receiving into the organization six other important bakeries. Mr. Swanson, however, declined to assert more than local authority, and for about two years the corporation met with only indifferent success. He was then elected to the presidency, the corporation becoming known as the Massachusetts Baking Company, and with the leadership of the courageous spirit which years before was brought out in the incident of the lathing contract, the concern has since gone forward to phenomenal success. Mr. Swanson has built up a wonderful organization and has brought the working and executive forces of all the different plants into complete harmony. The seven plants now included in the corporation are located respectively in Fitchburg, Springfield, Holyoke, Massachusetts, and Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, and Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Mr. Swanson is also president of the Worcester Baking Company, which is affiliated with the corporation only through his connection with it, and entirely an independent company. The product of the Massachusetts Baking Company, which comprises principally the finest quality of bread put out under different trademarks, practically covers the New England States. Mr. Swanson is a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the board of directors of the Worcester North Savings Bank, as well as chairman of the board of directors of the Massachusetts



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Baking Company. Fraternally he is identified with the Charles W. Moore Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fitchburg, and the local lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Fitchburg, and the Lions Club of Hartford, Connecticut, and his religious affiliation is with the Swedish Lutheran church.

Mr. Swanson married, in 1903, Lily Marie Swanson, whom he met when on a visit to Sweden for the purpose of bringing his younger brother back to America. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson are the parents of four children: 1. Carl William, who married Anna Maynard, and they have one child, Ann, born May 20, 1922; he is manager of the Fitchburg plant. 2. Lilly, wife of William Fraas, teller in the Safety Fund National Bank of Fitchburg, a former student at the Worcester Art School, and thereafter supervisor of art in the same institution. 3. Eleanor, a graduate nurse of the Children's Hospital, in Boston. 4. Margaret, a senior at the Fitchburg High School. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson have reared two other boys from childhood: Knute J. Cederholm, now superintendent of the Swanson Baking Company of Fitchburg; and John L. Cederholm, now superintendent of the Hartford plant of the Massachusetts Baking Company.

JOHN J. CUNNIS—One of the prosperous and progressive merchants of Clinton, Massachusetts, who conducts one of the foremost retail shoe stores in the community is John J. Cunnis, executive head of the firm of Alexander & Cunnis. Mr. Cunnis is of Irish birth and parentage, having been born May 17, 1892, in County Galway, Ireland, the same locality that was also the birthplace of his father and mother, Patrick J. and Mary (Manning) Cunnis.

John J. Cunnis was brought to this country by his parents when small, and acquired his education by attending the public schools of Clinton, where the family settled. Upon arriving at an age to join the world of wage earners, Mr. Cunnis secured a position as salesman in a retail shoe store, and later became manager for the G. W. Laythe Shoe Company, Inc., filling that responsible position for five years. The desire of Mr. Cunnis was not, however, to remain in the ranks of an employee, and accordingly in January, 1922, he realized his ambition to become an independent factor in merchandising by starting in the retail shoe business, in company with Mr. Alexander, forming the firm of Alexander & Cunnis for this purpose. This store is one of the most pretentious in its line in Clinton, carries a fine line of shoes and hosiery for men and women, and employs three salesmen to serve the growing trade the establishment enjoys.

Throughout his mature years Mr. Cunnis has maintained a lively interest in the local affairs of the community and discharges his duties as a citizen in a faithful manner. During the World War he enlisted in the United States Army, and was a member of the 29th Regiment, Battalion F, Field Artillery, serving from October 19, 1918, until the close of the war brought his honorable discharge on December 26, 1918. He is a member of the American Legion, and at the present time is serving as president of the local Chamber of Commerce. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of

Hibernians, and Clinton Council, No. 1701, Knights of Columbus, while his religious affiliation is with St. John's Roman Catholic Church, to which he gives liberal support.

ALFRED PHILEAS LACHANCE, LL. B., M. D.

—With early training in some of the foremost institutions of his time, and more recent post-graduate work both at home and abroad, Dr. Lachance has attained more than local note as a surgeon, and for some years has been obliged to devote his time exclusively to surgery, turning away medical patients, although he is equally noted as a physician. A native of the Province of Quebec, Dr. Lachance is a son of Alexis and Octavie (Forand) Lachance. Alexis Lachance was born at St. Elizabeth, Quebec, and came to the United States as a youth of eighteen years, securing employment in the linen mills of Webster, Massachusetts. Following his marriage he again resided in Quebec for about eleven years, then removed with his family to Webster, where he remained until 1907, when he came to Gardner to reside with his son, Dr. Lachance. He is still living in the eighty-first year of his age. The mother was born at St. Jean Baptiste, Province of Quebec, and died in January, 1918, at the age of seventy-five years.

Alfred Phileas Lachance was born at St. Alphonse, Province of Quebec, May 17, 1878. He was still a child when the family removed to Webster, and his school attendance up to his fourteenth year was at the parochial schools of that town. He then entered St. Joseph's Seminary of Three Rivers, Quebec, from which he later received his degree of Bachelor of Literature in the year 1899. Determining to enter the medical profession, he took up his further studies at the Laval University Faculty of Medicine (now the Montreal College of Medicine), from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1903. Returning to Massachusetts, Dr. Lachance located at once in Gardner, where he took up the practice of medicine, and his subsequent success has well demonstrated his fitness for the profession of his choice. For about four years he gave his entire attention to internal medicine, then from 1907 until 1918 he carried forward the practice of both medicine and surgery. Since October of the latter year he has devoted his entire time to surgery, for which he took special post-graduate study, beginning in 1915 at the New York Post-Graduate College, thence going to Chicago to the Post-Graduate College of that city, and also under Mayo Brothers, Rochester, Minnesota. In 1921 he went abroad, taking extensive post-graduate work at Paris and Rome. He went abroad again in 1924, to Vienna and Paris. Dr. Lachance holds a foremost position among the professional men of Worcester County, and ranks high among the surgeons of the State. Since 1907 he has served continuously as a member of the surgical staff of the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital of Gardner. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, and the American College of Surgeons, and is widely prominent fraternally, being a member of the Knights of Columbus; of Gardner Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique; the Artisans Canadiens Francais; the Forestiers Franco-Ameri-

cains; and he is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Dr. Lachance married (first), October 14, 1904, Eugenie Lamoureux, of North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, who died in 1907, leaving an infant daughter, eight months of age, Jeannette Marie Rose, who is now a student at the Ursuline Convent at Quebec. Dr. Lachance married (second), September 11, 1912, Helena C. Forbes, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and they have one daughter, Helen Anna.

LOUIS ALFRED JALBERT—Born at St. Robert, Quebec, Canada, Antoine Jalbert came to the United States with an uncle when fourteen years of age, settling at Hatfield, Massachusetts, where his son Louis Alfred Jalbert, was born. Antoine Jalbert married Adeline St. Germain, born at St. Robert, Quebec, and died in Massachusetts, in 1894, her husband surviving her until February 11, 1923. The family is an ancient one, springing from French ancestors who settled in Quebec early in the history of the province. In Massachusetts, Louis A. Jalbert has won high and honorable position as a business man and public spirited citizen of Leominster.

Louis Alfred Jalbert, son of Antoine and Adeline (St. Germain) Jalbert, was born in Hatfield, July 22, 1876. He was educated in the public schools of Northampton, and the Academy Brochu of Southbridge, Massachusetts, also took a correspondence course at the International Correspondence School in Scranton, Pennsylvania, his business life beginning upon graduation from the latter institution. He learned interior decoration, but after two and one-half years at that line he became a clerk in the H. T. Hyde department store in Southbridge, there remaining four years. From 1901 until 1906 he clerked in the clothing store owned by N. T. Harlburt, of Webster, and in 1906 he established his own department store business in Leominster, his present place. His store is located at No. 183 Mechanic Street, and there Mr. Jalbert conducts a prosperous business.

Mr. Jalbert is a member of L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique; the Artisans Order of Protection, being auditor of same; Franco-American Order of Foresters, Past Auditor; the Chevalier de Lafayette; the Laurier Club, past vice-president, now auditor; is president of the Franco Republican Club; past president of the Chamber of Commerce, now first vice-president; a director of the Red Cross; member and trustee of the Community Service; a Councilman-at-Large, 1921-1923; director of the Mutual Coöperation Bank; trustee of the Leominster Savings Bank; notary public; trustee of the Leominster Hospital Association; and treasurer of the Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He takes an active part in the organizations mentioned, and is one of the highly esteemed men of his community. He is a member of St. Cecilia's French Roman Catholic Church. During the World War period, 1917-18, he was appointed, by Governor McCall of Massachusetts, Food Administrator for the Seventh Worcester County District. At the present time he is on the Governor's Emergency Committee.

Mr. Jalbert married, May 18, 1903, Mary Louise Farland, born in Sorell, Canada, and they are the parents

of four children: Irene I., Loretta M., Alfred A., and Armand G.

HAROLD M. ADAMS—Coming to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, as a young man out of school, Harold M. Adams has been identified with the business life of this city practically throughout his entire career and has won success in the varied lines of activity which he has followed. He has now for a considerable time been engaged in the produce business, and for several years has been sole owner and manager of the interest which is known as the Fitchburg Produce Company. Mr. Adams is a son of Enoch and Mary (Faulkner) Adams, his father a prominent wheelwright machinist at one of the paper mills at Poland, Maine.

Harold M. Adams was born at Poland, Maine, July 15, 1886. Receiving his education in the public and high schools of his birthplace Mr. Adams left home at the age of sixteen years and coming to Fitchburg secured a position as driver on a milk team in the employ of W. M. Martin. Continuing in this connection for about three years, Mr. Adams then established himself in the milk business in an independent way, later selling out and associating himself with Lowe Brothers Company, wholesale distributors of beef and produce, in which line he was engaged for two years with Blodget & Company, during part of this time in charge of their interests in Worcester, in wholesale fruit and produce. Returning to Fitchburg, Mr. Adams entered business under the title of the Fitchburg Produce Company, receiving as a partner Fred E. Caldwell. This was in 1916, and the association continued until April, 1920, when Mr. Adams bought out his partner and has since been independently active. He has won large success, and is counted among the thoroughly progressive and representative men of the day in Fitchburg. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, the United Commercial Travelers' Association, the Patrons of Husbandry, and is identified with the Calvinistic Congregational Church.

Harold M. Adams married, on November 11, 1901, at Ashby, Massachusetts, Nettie Newell, daughter of Edward and Arabella (Smith) Newell, prominent people of that section. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have three children: Twins, Harold and Hazel, born September 23, 1911; and Chester, born April 7, 1914.

MICHAEL JOSEPH FARRELL—The manufacture of celluloid toilet articles, hair ornaments, and novelties has become an important industry in Leominster, Massachusetts, the home of the Farrell & Hyland Company, and the birthplace of the founder and present head of that important company. The firm Farrell & Hyland Company had its birth in Leominster in 1912, when M. J. Farrell, a traveling salesman, and John Hyland joined their capital and experience, and at No. 160 Pleasant Street, Leominster, began the manufacture of celluloid hair ornaments and novelties. The business has been successful, the company now occupying three floors in their own factory and carrying about one hundred hands on their payroll. John Hyland died in 1918, but M. J. Farrell continues head of the company and is esteemed as one of the city's worthy, substantial business men.

Michael Joseph Farrell was born in Leominster, Massa-



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chusetts, August 26, 1878, son of Patrick Farrell born in County Roscommon, Ireland, but a long-time resident of Leominster, where he died in 1888. He married Bridget Gallagher, also born in Roscommon, Ireland, who survived him until 1910, when she too passed away. Mr. Farrell is a member of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A native son of Leominster, a lifelong resident, and from youth connected with its industries, he is thoroughly identified with its every interest, and he is warmly attached to the city and its people, many of whom he has known from his earliest recollection.

CLARENCE E. DEANE—In the public life of Athol, Massachusetts, the name of Clarence E. Deane is just now one of the foremost in importance on account of his recent appointment to the office of Postmaster. This responsibility was placed in the hands of Mr. Deane only after long and efficient service and practical business experience, gained from activity in various lines of industrial and commercial advance. Mr. Deane is a member of an old family of Massachusetts, and a son of Edward P. Deane, who was born at Bernardston, Massachusetts, and is a farmer by occupation. For a number of years he had a farm in Gill, Massachusetts, and now is active on a small farm at Leyden, Massachusetts, at the age of seventy-three years. The mother, Ella (Hale) Deane, was born at Gill, Massachusetts, and is also living, being the same age as her husband.

Clarence E. Deane was born at Gill, Massachusetts, April 9, 1876. His education was begun at the Gill district schools, then he took a short course at Power's Institute, at Bernardston. His first business was in the employ of the New Home Sewing Machine Company, at Orange, Massachusetts, where he remained for two years. Thereafter for a short time he was identified with the J. B. Reynolds Shoe Company, of Orange, then came to Athol in 1893, where he was active in various business enterprises over a period of financial depression which obtained during the last three years of the last century. He then became identified with the Hill & Green Shoe Company, of Athol, and after a few years in this connection, associated himself with the Athol Ice Company, where for five years he filled the position of bookkeeper and collector. Then for three years he was active in the employ of A. J. Raymond, sash manufacturer, after which he served as bookkeeper with the N. D. Cass Toy Company. Following three years in this connection, he became identified with the Lee Brothers Shoe Company, where he had charge of the office of their manufacturing plant, after which he went to the L. S. Startett Tool Company. There for nine years he had charge of the stock records of the plant, a position of large responsibility in this world-famous concern. It was from this position that Mr. Deane resigned to take up the duties of Postmaster of Athol, to which he was appointed by President Harding on February 9, 1923. This appointment having been confirmed by the Senate on the 31st of January, Mr. Deane took up the responsibilities of the office, shortly beginning his regime on February 15, 1923. Although no great length of time has elapsed since he has filled this position, Mr. Deane

has brought to bear upon the work of the post office the force of a progressive spirit and practical executive ability. As was said above, this appointment came as the culmination of many years of usefulness in the public life of the community. Mr. Deane served as Town Treasurer for seven years, and in connection with the duties of this office he fulfilled many important commissions of the town, also served for three years as a member of the Appropriation Committee, for two years of that time acting as clerk and one year as chairman. During the World War Mr. Deane was very active in all the home endeavors of the people of Athol, especially in the Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives, receiving a medal from the government, made from a German shell, in recognition of his large usefulness in this connection.

Mr. Deane is very prominent in the Masonic order, being a member of the lodge, chapter, and commandery, also of the Order of the Eastern Star, and of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. He was elected Master of his Blue Lodge, but pressure of business forced him to decline. He is a member of the Poquaug Club of Athol, and is identified with the First Church, Unitarian, and a member of the executive board.

Mr. Deane married (first), on May 15, 1898, at Athol, Mabel A. Stratton, who died October, 1905, leaving one child, Marvis A., who was born March 24, 1900, and married Bernol F. Coffin. He married (second), at Athol, on November 13, 1907, Lettie Leonard, of Athol, Massachusetts, who is a daughter of Edgar S. and Pauline (Sorenson) Leonard, both of Athol, Massachusetts. Clarence E. and Lettie (Leonard) Deane are the parents of two children: Winthrop K., born November 1, 1908, now a junior in Athol High School; and R. Leonard, born September 22, 1911, now attending Athol grammar school.

ULYSSES W. KIDDER—Beginning as a young man and continuing uninterruptedly throughout his career, Ulysses W. Kidder steadily worked his way up in railroad connections until at the present time he holds the position in Clinton, Massachusetts, as general agent both for the Boston & Maine and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railways. Mr. Kidder came originally from North Berwick, Maine, where he was born August 18, 1868, his parents being Henry Swan Kidder, born at Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, who was engaged in the merchant tailoring business until his retirement in 1902, his death occurring in 1912, and Mary Jane (Davis) Kidder, a native of North Shapleigh, Maine, and who still survives at the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

Immediately after completing his studies in the public schools Mr. Kidder secured a position as telegraph operator in Wolfboro, New Hampshire, where he remained for about a year. At the end of that period he went to Oakdale, Massachusetts, to take a similar position, and was operator there for two and a half years. His next change was to the Worcester freight office, where he worked for a short time, after which he received the appointment as agent in West Boylston, Massachusetts, discharging the duties of that position the succeeding year. From West Boylston he was transferred to Pepperell, Massachusetts, and was agent at that point

for ten years. At the end of that time he resigned to accept a position in a similar capacity in Milford, New Hampshire, continuing there for eighteen years. In 1920 he was appointed general agent in Clinton for the Boston & Maine, and the New York, New Haven & Hartford lines, which position he now fills. Mr. Kidder's long experience in railroad work and thorough acquaintance in this section of the country makes him a valuable man in this line of endeavor, and he enjoys a high standing among his associates in railroad circles.

Throughout his life Mr. Kidder has taken an active interest in the local affairs of the community in which he has resided, and is a citizen of public spirit and progressive character. He is a member of Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is also prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging both to the encampment and the Rebekahs. Among the clubs in which he maintains membership are the Prescott and the Anchor of Boston, Massachusetts.

On June 24, 1891, occurred the marriage of Ulysses W. Kidder to Mary Celinda Chase, who was born in Oakdale, Massachusetts. They have two children: 1. Guy E., whose biography follows. 2. Leland C., a graduate of Milford High School, he served two years overseas during the World War. He married Ann Crockett.

GUY EUSTIS KIDDER, son of Ulysses W. and Mary Celinda (Chase) Kidder (see preceding biography), was born in Pepperell, Massachusetts, November 16, 1892. He was educated in the public schools of Pepperell, finishing grammar school in 1906 and high school in the class of 1910. From 1911 until 1914 he was engaged as a basket weaver, and since his return from the army has been engaged as a miner.

Mr. Kidder enlisted in the United States Army for the war against Germany, and went overseas as sergeant of the 23d Ambulance Company, 2d Sanitary Train, 2d Division, 4th Brigade. He was in the Verdun sector from March 15 to May 14, 1918; in the Chateau-Thierry sector, May 31 to July 5, 1918; the St. Mihiel offensive, September 12-16, 1918; the Champagne (Blanc Mont) offensive, October 2-10, 1918; and the Meuse-Argonne offensive, November 1-11, 1918, when fighting ceased and the World War was won by the Allies.

Mr. Kidder is a member of the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Protestant Episcopal church.

DR. JOEL M. MELICK—Among the successful physicians of Worcester is Dr. Joel M. Melick, whose office is located at No. 971 Main Street, and who has been engaged in general practice and as an obstetrician since the completion of his hospital training.

Dr. Melick was born in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1892, son of Elmer E. Melick, a native of Woodbridge, New Jersey, who was engaged in business as a fire brick broker, and of Annie (Miller) Melick, who was born in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Melick is very active in political affairs, being an organizer of the Republican party in the State of Pennsylvania, and is influential among a considerable group of voters.

Dr. Joel M. Melick received his early education in the

public schools of Media, and then became a student in Fishburn Military School in Virginia, where he prepared for college. In 1914 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Swarthmore College, at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, and he then began his professional training in Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1919 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The following year, 1919-20, he served an internship in the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, and in 1921 he opened his office at No. 981 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, and prepared to engage in general practice. Patients came, success in the treatment of these brought others, and so his practice grew until at the present time (1923) his clientele is well established and steadily growing.

Dr. Melick keeps in touch with the broader aspects of the medical profession through his membership in the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Worcester District of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Society, the latter of which he serves as president. Locally, he is serving as a member of the staff of the Hahnemann Hospital as anesthetist and obstetrician. He has always taken an active interest in the public welfare of the community in which he lived, and is an interested member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. During the World War he served as a member of the Medical Reserve Corps. He is well known in fraternal circles, and finds time for club activities. He is a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and the Alpha Sigma medical fraternity, and of the University Club.

Dr. Joel M. Melick married, on September 21, 1921, Bertha Ellen McDonough, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of Patrick W. and Louise (Anderson) McDonough. Since 1914 Mrs. Melick, who graduated in 1914 from the Emerson College of Oratory, has been a reader of the Chautauqua and Lyceum Lecture Course.

GUY A. SAVAGE—The real estate and insurance business has enlisted the attention of Mr. Savage for the past five years in Leominster, Massachusetts, where he resides. His lengthy connection with the newspaper business in this city and club and fraternal memberships have given him an extensive acquaintanceship.

Guy A. Savage is a son of Charles A. and Nancy L. (Knowlton) Savage, both of whom were natives of Canada. The father was a piano maker until retirement in 1912. The subject of this sketch was born at South Stukely, Province of Quebec, Canada, April 21, 1886. He was educated in the public schools of Leominster, and after leaving the high school became an errand boy on the Leominster "Enterprise," from which position he was advanced to reporter and worked for the paper a period of sixteen years. He filled positions as printer's devil, errand boy, press feeder, hand compositor, and linotype operator before becoming reporter. In 1917 he gave up the newspaper work and entered into his present business with offices in the McGrath Block.

He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Improved Order of Red Men, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Loyal Order of Moose. He is a member of the Leominster and Monoosnock Country clubs, and also of the Chamber of Commerce.



P. F. Worthen

He has been the call man of the local fire department since 1907, and was a City Councilman in 1919 and 1920. In religion he attends the Methodist church.

WILLIAM L. SHAUGHNESSY, head of the W. L. Shaughnessy Company, Incorporated, and an executive of the oldest stove foundry in New England, is a well-known figure in the industrial life of Gardner, Massachusetts. His parents were born in Ireland; William Shaughnessy, the father, was a native of County Galway, and Elizabeth Shaughnessy, the mother, was born in County Monohan.

William L. Shaughnessy was born at Sag Harbor, New York, June 27, 1876. When his education in the parochial schools of Thompsonville, Connecticut, was complete, he served a four-year apprenticeship learning the plating trade. For two years he acted in the capacity of superintendent of the James C. Curtis Company of Chicago, then returned to Gardner to be placed in charge of the plating department of the Simplex Time Recorder Company. In 1906 he was in a position to organize his own company, the W. L. Shaughnessy Company, which was incorporated in 1915, for the manufacture of undertakers' supplies and silver plated metal novelties. He is the president and treasurer of this company and general manager and treasurer of the Otter River Foundry Company, also a director of the Gardner Trust Company.

He is a member of the Gardner City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with Lodge No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; is a fourth degree member of Gardner Council, No. 396, Knights of Columbus; a member of the Foresters of America, and Oakhill Country Club of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Mr. Shaughnessy married Louise Jager, a native of Thompsonville, Connecticut, and daughter of Adolph, born in New York City, and Louise (Becher) Jager, born in Baden, Germany.

R. V. WORTHEN, though not a native son of Leominster, Massachusetts, treasurer of the R. V. Worthen Company, of Leominster, has spent the greater part of his life to the present time (1923) in that busy industrial city. The firm with which he is identified is engaged in the business of plumbing and steam fitting, and is ranked among the prosperous and well-established concerns of the county, and as treasurer of that company Mr. Worthen occupies an honorable position in the business life of the community to which he has raised himself through industry and ability.

Mr. Worthen was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, October 28, 1889, son of Nehemiah Worthen, a steward on ocean liners, and Ada (Wyman) Worthen. In 1905 he removed with his parents to Leominster, Massachusetts. He received his education in the public schools, including the high school of the latter city, and when schooldays were over he served an apprenticeship to the sheet metal, plumber's and steam fitters trades, under the direction of J. B. Farnsworth, with whom he remained until 1908. In that year he became associated with the Lyon Company, plumbers and steam fitters, in whose office he was employed until 1917. He then formed a partnership with Horatio E. Hines, and that

connection he maintained until he reorganized and formed the present company, the R. V. Worthen Company, Horatio E. Hines, president, and R. V. Worthen, treasurer. The business since that time has been continued in the same location, No. 92 Pleasant Street, in Leominster, and under the vigorous and efficient management of Mr. Worthen is steadily growing and expanding. The firm does all kinds of plumbing, steam fitting, and sheet metal work, and its operations extend throughout a wide region surrounding Leominster.

In addition to his responsibilities in connection with the R. V. Worthen Company, Mr. Worthen is a member of the board of directors of the Leominster Mutual Coöperative Bank. He is a member of the Massachusetts Master Plumbers' Association, and of the Massachusetts Master Plumbers' Association, and of the Massachusetts Sanitary Club, both of which organizations he has served as president. He is a member of the Masonic order, holding the thirty-second degree; Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and is a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Masonic and Leominster clubs, and the Leominster Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with the First Baptist Church of Leominster.

Mr. Worthen married, at Princeton, New Jersey, November 19, 1909, Ethel Hines, daughter of Horatio E. and Mary (Wyman) Hines, and they are the parents of one child, Roland, who was born November 5, 1915.

ALFRED EDWARD GARLICK—In South Ashburnham, Massachusetts, Mr. Garlick has taken an active part in public affairs during his residence here of nearly forty years, and has succeeded in the general merchandising business to the extent of owning two stores. He is a son of Thomas and Ann (Haugforth) Garlick, the former of whom was a mill operator.

Alfred Edward Garlick was born at Webster, Massachusetts, October 1, 1860. He attended the public schools in Maynard, Massachusetts, and in Plymouth, Massachusetts, leaving school when twelve years old. For eight years he worked in the woolen mills at Maynard, and then as a clerk in a dry goods store for five years. At that time he moved to South Ashburnham, Massachusetts, where he opened a general store in May, 1885, which succeeded so well that another and much larger one was opened at a different location in town.

In politics he is a Republican and has been an Assessor for two years, Selectman for four years, and member of the School Committee for a period of five years. In the Masonic order he is a member of Hope Lodge, of Gardner, Massachusetts, the Blue Lodge; North Star Chapter, Hiram Council, and Jerusalem Lodge, Knights Templar. He is a member of Lodge No. 131, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Maynard, Massachusetts; and of Bay State Club of South Ashburnham.

Mr. Garlick married, May 8, 1883, at Maynard, Massachusetts, Annie W. Robinson, also a native of that place and daughter of John and Martha (Watson) Robinson. Five children were born of this marriage as follows: 1. Amy Evelyn, born April 24, 1884. 2. George E., born December 25, 1885, died in 1918. 3. Ralph H., born January 18, 1888, served during the war, being a lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps at the

time of leaving for France and as captain upon his return. He was also with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He is a graduate of Cornell University and has been practicing his profession in Brooklyn, New York, for the past nine years. He married Helen Williams, of South Ashburnham, and has one child, Bruce R. 4. Lillian A., who was born November 23, 1893. 5. Alfred R., born December 18, 1899; served in the Student Officers' Training Corps, Infantry, United States Army, during the World War, and married Bertha Esty, of South Ashburnham.

DR. HARRY H. KALIN—During the past four years Dr. Harry H. Kalin has been building up a lucrative dental practice in the city of Leominster, where he is known as a skillful dental surgeon, and where he has made many friends. Dr. Kalin is a son of Selek Kalin, a native of Poland, who is engaged in the grain business in Leominster, and of Annie (Arenson) Kalin, also a native of Poland.

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, July 5, 1895, Dr. Kalin received his early education in the public schools of Leominster, to which city his parents removed while he was a child. After graduating from Leominster High School with the class of 1915 he matriculated in the dental department of Tufts College, from which he was graduated in 1919 with the degree of Doctor of Medical Dentistry. He at once opened an office in Leominster, where he has since been engaged in building up a steadily growing patronage. His offices are located at No. 5 Central Street, in the Jones Block, and he has already gained a reputation as a skillful and progressive dentist. He keeps closely in touch with all the later developments of his profession in order that his patients may have the benefit of the newest methods and discoveries, and in this he is aided by his association with the Massachusetts District Dental Society and with the National Dental Society. Fraternally he is a member of the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity of Tufts College, and his religious interest is with the Shaarai Thorah Jewish Synagogue of Worcester, of which he is an attendant. During the World War he served from 1917 to 1919 as a private in the Dental Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

JOHN A. BRAITHWAITE—Born in London, England, educated in Russia, and for nearly three decades a resident of the United States, John A. Braithwaite, president of the Autogenous Welding and Manufacturing Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, has had an unusually wide and varied experience. He has been engaged in the welding business for the past sixteen years, and is an expert in that line of business activity.

William Braithwaite, father of Mr. Braithwaite, was born in England, January 12, 1820, and was engaged in the paper manufacturing industry there. In 1848 he went to Russia and set up the first two paper-making machines ever used in that country. When the Crimean War broke out he returned to England, but in the early sixties he returned to Russia with his wife and eldest child. John A. Braithwaite was left in England with his grandmother until he was eight years of age, when he joined his parents in Russia.

John A. Braithwaite was born February 3, 1859. He

received his education in Russia, and when his school training was completed he learned the boilermaker's trade, which he followed in Russia until 1887, when he came to the United States and engaged in farming in Templeton, Massachusetts. In 1907 he became associated with the Davis Bournonville Company, of Marion, New Jersey, a concern which, at that time was one of the largest welding concerns in the country. Wishing to thoroughly master the art of welding and to widen his knowledge of its business possibilities, he made a change, about a year later, and associated himself with the Stevens-Duryea Company. In 1910 he engaged in the welding business for himself, securing his first position from a welding company in Worcester. Later he organized the Central Autogenous Welding and Manufacturing Company of Worcester, of which he is president, and that concern is now conducting a large and lucrative business. Its plant is located at Nos. 110-114 Union Street, in Worcester, and in addition to the welding of brass, bronze, aluminum, steel, cast iron, and alloys, the company does electric arc welding and cutting, and also does automobile repairing of all kinds, and blacksmith work of all kinds. They also paint automobiles.

Mr. Braithwaite is a member of Belcher Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Chicopee Falls; Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Aletheia Grotto of Worcester, also the Rotary Club.

John A. Braithwaite married, on November 19, 1881, Delphine White, who was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, daughter of Henry White, and they are the parents of one daughter, Edith N., who married A. M. Sargent, of Worcester, and they have one child, Jessie C. Sargent.

JULIAN C. GABREE—In one of the most practical lines of mercantile endeavor in Southbridge, Massachusetts, Julian C. Gabree holds a prominent position in the community, and in achieving his own success is contributing definitely to the welfare and comfort of the people. Mr. Gabree is a native of the State of Vermont, but has been a resident of Southbridge for a number of years, and is taking a deep interest in the local progress, bearing a part in all community advance. He is a son of Charles G., who was born at Milton, Vermont, and was active as a farmer until his death, which occurred in 1919. The mother, Julia (Mayville) Gabree, who was also a native of Milton, Vermont, died in 1909.

Julian C. Gabree was born at Milton, Vermont, April 18, 1885. His education was begun in the local public schools and completed with the high school course at Milton. When he was eighteen he located in Southbridge, where he found employment for a few months. He then went to Bridgeport, where he was employed for five years in a drug store. He then returned to Southbridge and bought the hardware business theretofore conducted by Oldham & Ranahan Company. This was in 1912, and while the business was a long established enterprise and also one of the most important of its kind, it has grown and developed under Mr. Gabree's management, until now it holds a leading position among the towns of Southern Worcester County. Located at No. 99 Main Street, Southbridge, the store occupies



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about 7,000 square feet of floor space, employing seven people and distributing a general line of hardware, crockery, and toys. Mr. Gabree displays in his management of this interest the genius for administration, as well as for salesmanship, and his display of stock makes this store one of the show places of the town. The patronage is constantly growing, and Mr. Gabree is numbered among the really successful men of Southern Worcester County. He is affiliated with the world of finance as a trustee of the Southbridge Savings Bank and is a leading member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and his clubs are the Southbridge and the Canadian. He attends Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Gabree married, in 1913, Anna Lemoine, who was born in Southbridge, and they have three children: Lorraine C., Louise E., and Armand L.

WILLIAM T. ROBINSON—In newspaper circles in Southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, William T. Robinson holds a noteworthy position, for he has now (1923) been active as editor and owner of the Southbridge "Herald" for a period of thirty-seven years.

He also is at the head of an important commercial printing business, and his success is contributing in a marked degree to the constant uplift of public sentiment along all progressive lines. Mr. Robinson is a son of Benjamin Franklin Robinson, who was born March 11, 1833, at Exeter, New Hampshire, and died in Dorchester, Massachusetts, August 2, 1909. He was engaged in farming and the hotel business until his death. He was a veteran of the Civil War, widely known in that section of his native State, and a man of fine character and progressive spirit. The mother, Caroline Augusta (Taylor) Robinson, was born at Epping, New Hampshire, November 2, 1834, and died April 7, 1915, in Dorchester. They were married May 9, 1854.

William T. Robinson was born at Exeter, New Hampshire, January 9, 1860. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following his completion of the high school course he entered the business world and for about fourteen years was associated with his father in the hotel business in Boston. In the year 1886 Mr. Robinson purchased the Southbridge "Herald" and the printing business connected with it, and since that time he has devoted his attention to the development and prosperity of this interest. The Southbridge "Herald" was founded in October, 1881, by W. W. Corbin, who conducted the business as a general printing plant, establishing this newspaper, which is now the oldest local paper in continuous circulation in Southbridge. In addition to his activities as editor of this sheet, Mr. Robinson conducts a prosperous and constantly extending business along the line of commercial printing, the quality of his work and the excellent taste he displays in preparing it contributing in no slight degree to the business standing of those who place their printing work in his hands. As a young man Mr. Robinson served for eight years in the Massachusetts State Militia, from 1877-1885, and always has felt a deep interest in military affairs. Fraternally Mr. Robinson is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Fraternal

Order of Eagles, the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Lodge of Rebekahs. Mr. Robinson is affiliated with the Congregational church.

Mr. Robinson married, in 1884, Clara Ida Morton, who was born in Southbridge, and they are the parents of two children: Mildred M., and George H., who served in the United States Army during the World War.

S. RALPH CROSS—Of large importance to the industries of Worcester County Massachusetts, is the enterprise of which S. Ralph Cross is the founder, and still the owner and manager. As a manufacturer of patterns Mr. Cross holds a leading position in this section, his plant being one of the largest in this field in Worcester County. Mr. Cross is a son of W. Alfred Cross, who was born in Pleasantville, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, and for many years was engaged in business there as a custom shoemaker. The mother, Catherine (Hubley) Cross, is also a native of Nova Scotia. Both parents now reside in Marlboro, Massachusetts.

S. Ralph Cross was born in Nova Scotia May 9, 1887. Receiving his education in the public schools of his native place, he came to Worcester, Massachusetts, as a young man and entered the employ of the American Wire & Steel Company, of this city, and was thus engaged for about four years. Thereafter for a number of years Mr. Cross was active in various pattern shops until the year 1916, when he established the present interest. Securing the best location available in the Lowell Building, at No. 9 Norwich Street, he continued there until 1922, when he removed to his present place at No. 20 Madison Street. Doing business under his own name, he manufactures wood and metal patterns for castings of every kind, and employing twenty skilled workmen, occupies part of the second floor and the entire third floor of the building. An expert in this field himself, Mr. Cross permits nothing but the most perfect work to go out from his establishment, and the industrial concerns of this section have come to depend upon him for a thoroughly reliable and dependable product. He is a man of progressive spirit, and takes a deep interest in all that pertains to industrial advance, holding membership in the Employers' Association and the United Commercial Travelers Association. In fraternal circles he is well known, being a member of Montague Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; also all the York and Scottish Rite bodies in Worcester up to the consistory, being a member of the Massachusetts Consistory and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. He is also a member of Central Lodge, No. 168, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a well-known member of the Exchange Club of Worcester. He attends the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Cross married, on June 29, 1921, Rhea F. Jacques, who was born in Worcester, and they are the parents of one son, S. Ralph, Jr., born January 30, 1923. The family home is at No. 4 Barr Street, Worcester.

JOSEPH C. SULLIVAN, M. D., a successful physician of Worcester County, has practiced at Webster for the past ten years and has won his way to a position of marked prominence in professional circles in this county. A member of a family long in this State and

for several generations located in Webster, he was reared in the traditions of this community and took up his life work among the people who had known him as boy and youth. He is a son of John F. and Mary (Sheehan) Sullivan.

Joseph C. Sullivan was born at Webster, Massachusetts, May 27, 1883. Following his early education in the local grammar and high schools he was active in the business world for a number of years, thereby largely financing his professional education. He entered Georgetown University at Washington, District of Columbia, and was graduated from the medical department of this institution in the class of 1913, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served as interne at Mercy Hospital, at Springfield, Massachusetts, for a time, then returned to Webster and opened his office here. He has followed general lines of practice, and in every way has become one of the successful and influential men of the day in this section. Early in the period of the recent war he offered his services, enlisting in the United States Army and was commissioned first lieutenant and stationed at Camp Jackson. There he was assigned as regimental surgeon to the 4th Regiment, Field Artillery, and received his discharge in January, 1919.

Politically Dr. Sullivan holds independent convictions, supporting the party or candidate whom he believes best fitted to serve the public welfare. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, Webster and Dudley Posts, No. 184, American Legion; and the Phi Ki college fraternity. He is a member of the Putnam Country Club, the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, the Worcester Medical Society, and the Webster and Dudley Medical Club.

Dr. Sullivan is single, and is identified with St. Louis' Roman Catholic Church.

EDWARD L. KNOWLTON is a son of Everett W. and Mary E. (Brown) Knowlton, long residents of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, and both members of old families of this section. He was born at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, March 23, 1863. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following the completion of his high school course, he became associated with his father and brothers in the meat and grocery business in Shrewsbury, remaining thus employed for twenty-eight years, after which he entered the employ of Swift & Company. For upwards of eighteen years he was engaged in this connection, then in 1920 Mr. Knowlton established himself in the insurance and real estate business in Shrewsbury. Mr. Knowlton represents many of the standard insurance companies. He has also been identified with the public service, serving during two terms as a Selectman of the town of Shrewsbury, the first term having been from 1900 to 1903, and the second 1918 to 1920. During the past three years, 1920 to 1923, he has been active as a member of the Board of Assessors. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers Association, the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Shrewsbury Club; and his religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Mr. Knowlton married, November 24, 1892, Sarah E. Howe, daughter of Silas B. and Elinor F. (Freeman) Howe.

HARRY POSNER—The election of Harry Posner to the presidency and treasurership of the Worcester Paper Box Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, was one of the significant events in the manufacturing world of this section in the early part of the year 1923. Mr. Posner, who is a man of ability and initiative, brought into existence this important and growing industry, and has made it one of the largely prosperous enterprises in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Harry Posner was born at Mogelev, Russia, October 17, 1878, and is a son of Harry and Lena Posner, his father a master mechanic. As a young lad Mr. Posner attended the common schools of his native land and later came to the United States, where he secured a position as clerk in a store in New York City. He mastered the tailor's trade and entered that field independently in Worcester. Opening a shop in an excellent location and achieving marked success, he felt, however, that he was capable of larger accomplishments, and when his little tailor shop on Myrtle Street had enabled him to save the sum of three thousand dollars, he invested in two small machines for the manufacture of the type of boxes known as the "set-up box," and in constant use by manufacturers of shoes also by producers of candy. This was in 1908, and for a time he was office force and employee, but soon he was obliged to increase his equipment and hire a number of assistants. His aggressiveness and excellent judgment came to the attention of some of the hard-headed business men of Worcester, and in 1909 he was joined in his enterprise by these men. This enabled him to expand his operations, but at all times Mr. Posner alone has been the leading spirit in the enterprise. He handled practically all his sales personally for many years, and the growth of the plant was so marked that he was continuously obliged to add new and up-to-date equipment. Machinery was brought in almost constantly, and it has been said that for several years "there was some machine or new part on the way to this plant nearly all the time." It was not long after that the idea of manufacturing folding boxes was developed and Mr. Posner was one of the earliest to take up this branch of the business. The convenience of marketing collapsible boxes has made it possible materially to increase the output and greatly widen the scope of use to which the product is applied. Mr. Posner within recent years has secured contracts from such world-famous concerns as Lever Brothers, the manufacturers of the famous flaked soaps known as "Lux" and "Rinso." It is interesting to note that the Worcester Paper Box Company is now turning out between fifty and sixty million "Lux" boxes every year, besides making millions of containers for other products manufactured by the Lever Brothers. The Worcester Paper Box Company handles every operation in the manufacturing of their product from printing and cutting to shipping, and the contracts with the Lever people alone are, at the present time, consuming nearly 2,000 tons of paper and 30,000 pounds of colored inks per year. Every kind of modern and approved equipment is included in the plant of the Worcester Paper Box Company, including four two-color cylinder presses, four big cylinder cullers and creasers, and many special machines and equipment running in value into an investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Their central plant is at No. 40 Austin Street, Worcester,



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besides occupying a large share of the adjoining building. The report of the board of directors for the year 1922 shows that the business of that year went beyond the six hundred thousand dollar mark and with the newly reorganized corporation they expect to reach a gross business of one million dollars in the present year (1923). Harry Posner is now president and treasurer of the Worcester Paper Box Company; H. Z. Posner, vice-president; William Farrell, secretary; and L. A. Ford, general manager. Mr. Posner is a member of the United Commercial Travelers Association, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Kiwanis Club. In religious affiliation he holds the Jewish faith.

Mr. Posner married, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on November 30, 1922, Hannah Ziskin, daughter of Harry and Minnie Ziskin, and they reside at Worcester, Massachusetts.

THOMAS J. QUIRK—Among those who are serving their community by devoting their time and their ability to the education of the boys and girls of the city is Thomas J. Quirk, principal of Milford High School. Mr. Quirk is a native of Milford, and is well prepared for the work in which he is now engaged.

Born November 29, 1892, son of Francis T. and Mary (Murphy) Quirk, Thomas J. Quirk received his early and preparatory education in the public schools of his native city, and after his graduation from Milford High School in 1910, became a student in Holy Cross College, at Worcester, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1915. Continuing his studies while engaged in teaching, he received from his *alma mater* the degree of Master of Arts in 1919. In September, 1920, he became principal of Milford High School and since that time has been most efficiently discharging the duties of that responsible position. He is deeply interested in the welfare of the boys and girls who are studying under his able direction and keeps closely in touch with their interests and their aims, endeavoring to so direct the student activities and social life of the school that character, as well as mental power, may be developed. He keeps in touch with the educational work of the State through membership in the Massachusetts High School Masters' Club, and served the town as a member of the board of trustees of the Town Library. He is also a member and past president of the Milford Teachers' Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Valencia Council, Knights of Columbus, of which he is a Past Grand Knight, and which he now (1923) serves as lecturer. His clubs are the Indian Club and the Holy Cross Club of Worcester County. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Milford.

Thomas J. Quirk married, on April 30, 1921, at Brooklyn, New York, Marcella M. Dignan, daughter of William J. and Julia (Feeney) Dignan. Mr. and Mrs. Quirk reside at No. 25 South High Street, in Milford.

ALBERT O. RAYMOND, M. D.—A native of the State of Maine and trained for his career in the educational institutions of New England, Dr. Raymond has won a position of marked significance in the professional

world of Worcester County, Massachusetts, and is now a leading practitioner of Worcester. His experience with the American Expeditionary Forces in France has added largely to his equipment for his profession, and he is taking high rank in present day medical advance. He is a son of William and Cora E. (Brett) Raymond, and his father is connected with the United Shoe Machinery Company of Brockton, Massachusetts, as foreman of the last department.

Albert O. Raymond was born at Brockton, Massachusetts, January 25, 1889. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following the completion of his course at the Brockton High School he entered Tufts Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1914 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. From May of that year until November, 1916, Dr. Raymond served as interne at the Worcester City Hospital, then his interest in the progress of the European War was so great that he did not further await American intervention. Leaving the United States as a civilian in December, 1916, he went with the Harvard Surgical Unit to London, England, where he was commissioned honorary first lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps on January 15, 1917, and assigned to duty with Queen Mary's Military Hospital at Lancashire, England. He was later transferred to Flanders, France, for duty with the field ambulance and battalion service. Following the coming of the American troops, he was again transferred as first lieutenant of the Medical Corps from Flanders, France, to the American lines. This was in March, 1918, and he went into active service with the American Expeditionary Forces on March 21, 1918. He saw active service at the Cambrai front and received the British Military Cross in October, 1918. In the following February Dr. Raymond was transferred to Cologne, Germany, where he was attached to the British Army of Occupation for a period of five months, then for two months was with the American Army of Occupation and received his promotion to the rank of captain. This was in June, 1919, and at that time Captain Raymond was transferred to Coblenz, Germany, then, in the fall of the same year, he was returned to the United States, receiving his honorable discharge from the service November 15, 1919, with the rank of captain. Upon his return to civilian life Dr. Raymond entered upon the general practice of medicine, in which he has since been active in Worcester, and also has a growing obstetrical practice. He has won marked success, and in connection with his private practice, serves on the staff of the Worcester City Hospital. Dr. Raymond is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and the Worcester Medical Society. Fraternally he is affiliated with Paul Revere Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Brockton, Massachusetts. He attends the Unitarian church.

HAROLD T. SWEENEY, in the development and growth of various sections of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts and its environs, has for a number of years been a significant factor as a leading dealer and operator in real estate. A man of progressive spirit and alert to all advance, Mr. Sweeney is giving to his work the constructive element which makes it a force for

advance. A native of this city, he is a son of William H. Sweeny, who was born in New York City. He came to Worcester as a young man and was active in the wholesale and retail mercantile business there until his death, which occurred in 1901. The mother, Elizabeth E. (Tyler) Sweeny, was born in Worcester, and still survives her husband.

Harold T. Sweeny was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, January 5, 1888. His education was acquired in the public and high schools of this city, and on the completion of his studies he entered the real estate business independently. Beginning thus as a very young man, Mr. Sweeny has gone forward to large success, handling real estate sales and brokerage, and also mortgages. In 1914 he organized the concern which is now known as Sweeny & Company; he is, however, sole owner of the interest. With offices at No. 610 Park Building, he holds the leading position in his field and is going steadily forward to even greater success. Mr. Sweeny is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, but has few interests outside of his work and those activities which are in line with it. He is a charter member of the Lions Club, and attends St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Sweeny married, on June 28, 1918, Margaret G. Gannon, sister of John F. Gannon, of Worcester, who formerly was the assistant superintendent of schools of this city.

HECTOR M. Le CLAIR, as vice-president and treasurer of the Central Optical Company, Incorporated, stands among the leading manufacturers of Southbridge, Massachusetts, producing optical goods in considerable variety. A practical man, well trained in his field and possessing the administrative ability which counts for success, Mr. Le Clair has been a force for progress in this organization since the early years of its history, and is largely responsible for its present importance. Mr. Le Clair is a son of Paul N. Le Clair, who was born in Canada and came to Southbridge as a young man. He was engaged in the grocery business in this community for a period of forty years and continued this line of activity until his death, which occurred in 1911. A man of broadly progressive spirit and the highest integrity, he commanded the esteem of all with whom he came in contact, and his influence was always on the side of civic progress. The mother, Albina (Bigoness) Le Clair, was also born in Canada, and she survived her husband for only two years, passing away in 1913.

Hector M. Le Clair was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, January 1, 1884. Receiving his early education in the local public and high schools, he made a definite preparation for his future at Burdette's Business College at Boston Massachusetts. In the year 1904 Mr. Le Clair became affiliated with the Central Optical Company, Incorporated, of Southbridge, and familiarizing himself with the business in every detail, eventually assumed executive responsibility. This concern was founded in the year 1900, and was incorporated in the following year. The plant is located at No. 76 Elm Street, and during the course of its history the concern has developed a very extensive and far reaching interest. They now occupy three floors of a large building and employ one hundred hands, manufacturing a

general line of spectacles, eyeglasses, and goggles. They are among the leaders in this field in this section of Worcester County, and the business is constantly growing and expanding under the able management of the executive heads. The personnel of the concern is now as follows: Renaldo Guilmette, president; Hector M. Le Clair, treasurer and vice-president; and Edward E. Le Clair, secretary. Mr. Le Clair is a member of the Manufacturers' Association, the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the Optical Manufacturers' Association, and the Eyesight Conservation Council of America. In local affairs he gives his support to every worthy movement, and while his attention is almost wholly centered upon the activities of his business, he has served for three years on the local School Committee, and is just now active as a member of the Park Commission. Fraternally he is affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers Association, and belongs to Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Le Clair married, in 1906, Leontine M. Janson, who was born at Fall River, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of three children: Hector M., Jr., Gertrude, and Narcisse I. J.

GEORGE E. PROULX—Standing at the head of one of the foremost retail jewelry establishments in Southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, as owner and manager, George E. Proulx holds a leading position in the business life of Southbridge. A son of the founder of this business and familiar with its interests from his childhood, Mr. Proulx has been at the head of the enterprise since his father's death and has attained a marked degree of success. Francois X. Proulx, father of the subject of this sketch and founder of this business, was born at St. Robert, Canada, June 1, 1857, and was active in the jewelry business throughout his entire lifetime. He came to the United States as a young man, settling in Southbridge, and became one of the leading business men of the community and a useful and valued citizen, esteemed by all who knew him and always a leader in community advance. His death, which occurred in Southbridge, in the year, 1904, was a source of regret to all whose privilege it had been to know him. The mother, Adelle (Cantara) Proulx, was born at Sorel, Canada, and still survives her husband.

George E. Proulx, son of these parents, was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, October 29, 1881. His education was acquired in the local public schools and following the completion of his studies he became associated with his father in the jewelry business. This interest was founded in Southbridge by Francois X. Proulx in the year 1881 as a retail jewelry store, and was first located at the corner of Cross and Hamilton streets, where it was continued until the year 1894. They then removed to No. 68 Hamilton Street, where they went forward for twenty-one years. During this entire period the business continued to expand and prosper, and more suitable quarters becoming imperative, the present location at No. 93 Main Street was secured in 1915, and after considerable alterations and refitting, the business was removed to this store. George E. Proulx, who has been at the head of the interest since the death of his father, has carried it forward under the title of the F. X. Proulx Estate, and no finer monu-

ment to his father's memory could be erected than the handsome store which now bears his name and comprises one of the most noteworthy commercial enterprises in Worcester County. This is second to none in Southbridge in attractiveness and fresh desirable stock, and is the oldest jewelry establishment, as well as one of the finest in this community. Mr. Proulx is a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce, but he has few interests which do not align more or less closely with his business affairs. He is also a member of the Union St. Jean de Baptiste, and is a member of the Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Proulx married, in 1907, Eva C. Ferron, who was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, and they have five children: Yvonne I., Evelyn F., George F., Raymond, and Rodolph M.

JOHN T. NEARY, D. M. D.—A broadly noteworthy figure in professional circles in Worcester County, Massachusetts, is Dr. John T. Neary, who for more than a decade and a half has been active in the practice of dental surgery in Marlboro. Dr. Neary gives to his work in this community not only the fruits of excellent training and the skill gained thereby, but the natural ability and the progressive spirit which make even the simplest service worthy of commendation.

John T. Neary, Dr. Neary's father, was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, in 1846. He came to Southboro, Massachusetts, about 1870. He was an expert stockman, and for thirty years was with the Deerfoot Farm at Southboro, as herdsman. During his later years he was widely sought on all matters pertaining to fine cattle, and made several trips to the Isle of Wight, England, purchasing thoroughbred cattle for such noted fanciers as the Vanderbilts, the Appletons, the Townleys, the Windsors, and the Ames families. He also executed commissions of various natures in the West for wealthy families, and his genius in preparing cattle for shows and fairs was nationally known and appreciated. He was a man of the highest integrity, and always in close touch with general affairs as well as the advance of his own field of interest. He married Della Moran, of Newton, Kansas, and they were the parents of five children: Philip, active in the real estate business in Boston; Margaret, a teacher in the public schools of Southboro, Massachusetts; Katherine, also engaged as an educator in Boston schools; Mary, assistant head of the tracing department of the Dennison Manufacturing Company of Framingham and Marlboro, Massachusetts; and John T., Jr. The father of this family died August 9, 1906.

John T. Neary, Jr., was born at Southboro, December 15, 1885, and following his early education he entered Tufts College Dental School, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1907. Passing the State board examinations shortly thereafter, Dr. Neary established his offices in Marlboro and has developed a very extensive and lucrative practice. Keeping pace with modern advance in his chosen field of professional endeavor, he holds high rank therein, and is universally esteemed, both as a professional man and as a citizen. During the World War Dr. Neary served as a member of the dental department of the Draft Board for the Sixteenth District of the State of Massachusetts, and

this added experience is also of great value to him in his work. Always interested in every phase of the general advance, Dr. Neary is active in local affairs as a member of the Finance Board of the town of Southboro. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

CHARLES E. BEACH—Merchandising ability, professional skill, and that unquestioned integrity which counts so largely for success in any field—these are the foundations upon which has been built the success of Charles E. Beach, druggist of Southboro, Massachusetts. Highly trained for his work and with many years of successful experience now to his credit, Mr. Beach is numbered among the largely prominent pharmacists of South Worcester County and is esteemed by all with whom he comes in contact. He is a son of Daniel M. and Jane (Vaughn) Beach, his father a farmer of Acton, Massachusetts, and a resident of that community until his death.

Charles E. Beach was born at Acton, Massachusetts, May 4, 1878. His education was begun in the local public schools, and later entering the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, he gained his first experience in his chosen profession in the employ of Brewer & Company, noted chemists in the city of Worcester. Mr. Beach was active in this connection for a period of seventeen years; meanwhile, during the latter part of that time, he became the owner of a drug store in Westboro. In 1915 he formed a partnership with William Blois, operating a drug store at Westboro. The interest was very successful, but in 1919 Mr. Beach sold his share to Mr. Blois and bought his present interest at Southboro, Massachusetts, which he still conducts as an up-to-date pharmacy. A resident of this section for many years, Mr. Beach has become a noteworthy figure in fraternal circles. He is a member of Siloam Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Westboro; Houghton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Marlboro, Massachusetts; and he is a member of the Worcester Grotto. Politically, Mr. Beach is identified with the Republican party, although never an office seeker. His leisure interests are those of the outdoor world, his membership in the Westboro Country Club giving him a wide circle of friends interested in out-of-door pursuits, and he is affiliated with the Congregational church.

Mr. Beach married, May, 1910, at Westboro, Etta Forbes, daughter of Henry and Anna (Harrington) Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Beach are the parents of three children: Anna Forbes, born in Westboro, May 10, 1911; Marjorie Louise, born September 15, 1913; and Grace Elizabeth, born June 27, 1917.

WALTER S. HALL, who is carrying forward a broadly useful enterprise in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, was born at Isle La Motte, Vermont, June 8, 1894, and is a son of Aldis Owen and Mary (Chamberlain) Hall, his father a manufacturer of Boston. Mr. Hall's education was begun in the public schools of Buffalo, New York, and Fitchburg, Massachusetts; and after completing the high school course, he covered a special course in metallurgy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He learned the machinist's trade with the Fitchburg Steam Engine Company, and for a few years there-

after was foreman and assistant superintendent with the Union Screen Plate Company. The World War then interrupted his career, and for more than two years he was active in naval and military service. Meanwhile Mr. Hall invented the new bronze screen plates for use in pulp and paper mills, which he is now manufacturing, and shortly following his return to civil life after the war, he formed the Fitchburg Screen Plate Company, which organization received its charter on January 1, 1920. During the period which has elapsed since that time (1923), they have developed a thoroughly progressive and widely known enterprise. These screens form a great improvement over the old mill equipment and are a definite contribution to the industrial progress of the day.

Mr. Hall's military record begins with his enlistment in 1917 in the United States Coast Guard, and his assignment to the Coast Guard Academy, at New London, Connecticut, being later detailed to convoy duty as radio officer. In 1918 he was placed in command of the Coast Guard cutter "Catherine," having charge of all telephone, telegraph, and cable lines between Coast Guard station from New York to Pensacola, Florida. He received the commission of warrant officer in the Coast Guard and later was transferred to the army and commissioned first lieutenant in the aviation section. After the armistice he was commissioned first lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps, aviation section; and was also transferred to the Coast Guard service as warrant officer, having charge of radio and communication work until he received his honorable discharge from active service in November, 1919.

Fraternally Mr. Hall is affiliated with Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fitchburg; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar; and he is also a member of the Masonic Club, all of Fitchburg. He is also a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, is affiliated with the Oak Hill Country Club, and the Sportsman's Club of Fitchburg, and in his religious connection is a member of the Rollstone Congregational Church.

Mr. Hall married, on September 8, 1920, Veda Violet Johnston, daughter of George and Violet (Hopkinson) Johnston; the father of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, and the mother of Waterville, Maine. They were married at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Edward Hitchcock Hall, Mr. Hall's brother, who is a sales manager for the firm, was also born at Brookline, Massachusetts, and was educated in the public and high schools of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, thereafter spending two years at the University of Toronto, Canada. He enlisted in the Royal Air Force at Toronto in 1917, and was detailed as instructor of stunt flying in Canada and in England, being commissioned first lieutenant. In 1918 he was returned to this country, receiving his discharge the following year, and commissioned an honorary lieutenant in the Royal Air Forces. He is a member of the Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templar; and is also a member of the Masonic Club of Fitchburg.

DUGALD E. WALKER—Economic prosperity is one of the essentials of municipal growth, and those

who furnish opportunity for the earning of a livelihood in a community are offering a sure inducement to new residents. Among those who have established successful business enterprises in the city of Worcester, is Dugald E. Walker, organizer and president of the Lyseth Thread Company.

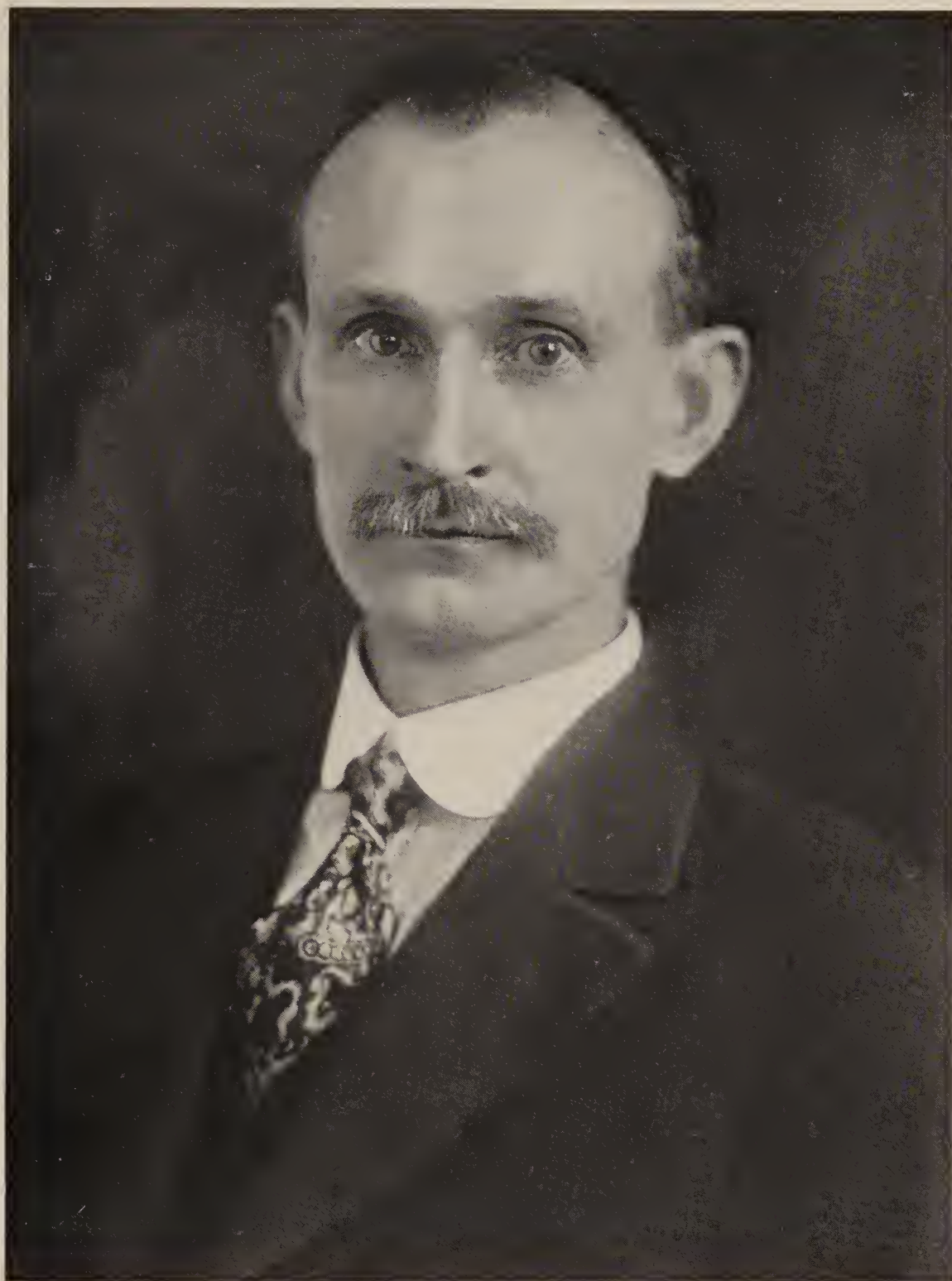
Duncan Walker, father of Dugald Walker, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, where, after receiving a good, practical education in the schools of his native city, he learned the machinist's trade and became a master mechanic. In 1858 he left his native land and came to this country, accompanied by his wife, Agnes (Dunnigan) Walker, who was born in Ayrshire, Scotland.

Dugald E. Walker, son of Duncan and Agnes (Dunnigan) Walker, was born in East Hampton, Massachusetts, September 30, 1873, and received his education in the public schools of his native city. After his graduation from high school he followed his father's example and learned the trade of machinist. When the term of his apprenticeship was completed, however, he entered the employ of the Warren Thread Company of Ashland, with whom he remained for a period of six years, the latter part of which time he served as foreman. He then removed to Worcester (1898) and became identified with the Cranska Thread Company as foreman and assistant manager, which executive position he continued to hold for eighteen years. He had become an expert in his line, and being possessed of a large executive and administrative ability, he started to engage in the manufacturing business for himself. Forming an association with Mr. Sutton Lyseth and Charles Windmiller, he organized the concern which is known as the Lyseth Thread Company, of which he is president and Mr. Lyseth treasurer. The business was established in May, 1916, and is engaged in the manufacture of spool cotton for the clothing industry and for the shoe trade. During the seven years which have elapsed since the organization of the enterprise, the amount of production has steadily increased, and at the present time (1923) the Lyseth Thread Company is numbered among the prosperous and well-established concerns of the city of Worcester. In addition to his business activities Mr. Walker has found time for fraternal affiliations. He is a member of North Star Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Worcester; Alpha Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Framingham; and a member of Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Mr. Walker married Gertrude A. Parsons, a native of Springfield, Massachusetts, who died in Worcester February 7, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Walker were the parents of three children: Arthur E., who was born May 4, 1903; Agnes, who was born October 21, 1904; and Ruth Parsons, who was born February 15, 1906.

RALPH HEIGHWAY FALES—Affiliated with the industrial world of New England as a manufacturing executive, and devoting his attention exclusively to the paper industry, Ralph H. Fales holds a broadly prominent position in the commercial world of Northern Worcester County with interests centering in Fitchburg. Mr. Fales has demonstrated his progressive attitude towards the field in which he is engaged and is carrying large responsibility.

Ralph H. Fales was born at Harvard, Worcester



August E. Walker

County, Massachusetts, December 2, 1886, and is a son of George H. and Francena (Heighway) Fales. Receiving his early education in the public schools of his birthplace, he later attended the Fitchburg schools, the family removing to this city when he was about nine years of age. During his attendance at the Fitchburg High School he took special courses of outside study, supplementing the usual high school course with special preparations for his career. His first business experience was in the bookkeeping department of the Fitchburg National Bank, which later became the Fitchburg Bank and Trust Company. Filling various positions in that connection he became successful as a teller and assistant to the president, taking over the duties of the latter position February 15, 1915. Very shortly thereafter, however, Mr. Fales had an opportunity to form other affiliations in a field in which he had always been interested. On March 1, 1915, he became associated with Linton Brothers, paper mill agents, of Fitchburg. He has since continued in this connection with ever increasing success and gaining wide familiarity with commercial conditions and the demands of the paper trade in various sections, he is filling an important position in the distribution of this commodity which forms so important a part of the daily activities in every branch of business progress. Mr. Fales enlisted in the United States Army July 1, 1918, and was stationed at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, then later transferred to the Officers' Training Corps at Camp Lee, Virginia. The signing of the armistice intervened before he was called overseas, and he received his discharge from the service in November, 1918. Mr. Fales has few interests outside his business affiliations, but is a member of Royal Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Fay Club, and the Oak Hill Country Club, being secretary and treasurer of the last named organization.

Mr. Fales married, on September 19, 1919, Katherine Smith, daughter of C. B. and Mary (Tilton) Smith, and they reside at No. 118 Pleasant Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

ARTHUR I. LA ROCHELLE, D. M. D.—The dental profession in Worcester County is represented by an able and progressive group of men whose activities are contributing in a marked degree to the welfare of the people. Dr. Arthur I. La Rochelle, who holds a leading position in this profession in Webster, is thoroughly representative of this group, and although he is one of the younger dentists of this county, he has attained an assured position in his chosen profession, and is considered very highly by the public. He is the son of Napoleon and Marie (Senecal) La Rochelle, and his father was for many years in charge of the gold department of the American Optical Company of Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Arthur I. La Rochelle was born at Southbridge, January 15, 1893. His education was begun at the Brochu Academy, after which he attended the Saint Hyacinthe's College at Saint Hyacinthe, Canada. He then entered the dental department of Tufts College, from which he received his degree upon graduation in the class of January, 1918. Meanwhile, as soon as the United States entered the World War Dr. La Rochelle enlisted for service overseas and was sent to Camp Devens, but in

November, 1917, he was discharged from the service to complete his college course, and immediately following his graduation he was commissioned first lieutenant and sent to Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, where he was attached to a dental company of the Officers' Training Camp, but was not finally sent overseas. Dr. La Rochelle opened his offices in Webster in 1919, shortly after his final discharge from the military service, and with the breadth of experience gained therefrom has developed a very considerable and most promising practice. He is now in charge of the Webster Dental Clinic, and in this responsible position is doing much good along educational lines as well as in its direct benefit to the people. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Advisory Board of Webster. He is a member of the National Dental Society, the Worcester County Dental Society, and the Massachusetts State Dental Society. Fraternally Dr. La Rochelle is identified with the Franco-American Foresters, of which he is Supreme Deputy; the Societe St. Jean Baptiste, of which he is the Past Chief; and he is a member of the Club Gagnon, and the Cour Marquette. His further affiliations include membership in Webster Post, American Legion; the Louis Pasteur Club of Tufts College; and the Psi Omega fraternity. He is a member of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. La Rochelle married, at Webster, Hortense G. Genereux, of Webster, daughter of Dr. Joseph Oliver and Heloise (Marciel) Genereux, and they have one daughter, Genevieve H.

BERNARD W. DOYLE—In the application of modern principles and inventions to present day manufacture, particularly along the line of specialties of many kinds, Bernard W. Doyle holds a leading position as secretary, treasurer, and general manager of a group of manufacturing concerns now widely famous. These are: The Viscoloid Company, Inc., Sterling Comb Company, and Harvard Novelty Company. Mr. Doyle is a broadly efficient, thoroughly progressive business executive, and his leadership of these combined interests is eminently constructive.

Bernard W. Doyle was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, October 29, 1873. Receiving his early education in the local schools, he was graduated in due course from the Leominster High School, then made special preparations for a career in the world of men and affairs at the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York. Mr. Doyle has since been engaged in the manufacturing industries of Leominster, principally those producing horn and celluloid goods. For twenty years he served as secretary and general manager of the Horn Supply Company, dealers in horn for the industries of the day and manufacturers of pressed horn and fertilizer. For fifteen years Mr. Doyle was identified as treasurer with the Paton Manufacturing Company, a concern long active in the production of horn specialties. Then, in association with A. S. Paton and Ludwig Stross, he established The Viscoloid Company, Inc. This concern was formed for the exploitation of a special pyroxlin composition manufactured by them which was given the name of "viscoloid," and The Viscoloid Company, Inc., began the production of an attractive line of combs, toilet articles, and other novelties.

With the growth of the interest and the advisability of specializing in various directions, the Sterling Comb Company was formed, later also the Harvard Novelty Company. Each concern now manufactures a special line of goods largely from viscoloid, and Mr. Doyle acts as secretary, treasurer, and general manager of the entire group. He has also at various times been identified with other fabricating plants in Leominster, and is now president and treasurer, also general manager of The Viscoloid Company, Inc. He is further active as a director of the Safety Fund National Bank of Fitchburg, and is also a director and one of the organizers of the Merchants' National Bank of Leominster.

Bernard W. Doyle married, in Leominster, February 22, 1909, Elizabeth H. P. Haley, and they are the parents of two daughters: Marjorie E., born April 10, 1910; and Louise I., born May 15, 1912.

JOSEPH J. CONDON—In the largely responsible office of Chief of Police of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, Joseph J. Condon holds a noteworthy position in the community, and is numbered among the really progressive men of the day. A member of an old Worcester County family, he is a son of John and Johanna (Witty) Condon, his father a well-known wheelwright in this section for many years, an esteemed citizen, and prosperous in his business affairs.

Joseph J. Condon was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, April 10, 1875. His education was begun in the public schools, and as he entered the world of industry when still scarcely more than a young lad, he supplemented his regular course with various lines of study in the Worcester night schools, acquiring a broadly useful education. Meanwhile, Mr. Condon entered the employ of the Southgate Mill, leading woolen manufacturers of this section, then, after a few years, became identified with William J. Hogg at the carpet mill, taking up the yarn end of the business. Mr. Condon determined then to discontinue mill activities and enter some other field of endeavor. Accordingly he turned his attention to the carpenter's trade and served a regular apprenticeship under a prominent carpenter and builder of the day. Continuing in this line of endeavor for about sixteen years, Mr. Condon meanwhile came to Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, in 1901, and was active in a very considerable way in the building trades until the year 1908. He was then appointed Chief of Police of Shrewsbury, his interest in public life having placed him in a leading position in local affairs. Other responsibilities were placed in his hands which he was peculiarly well fitted to fill in his appointment as superintendent of public buildings and building inspector. He was further appointed plumbing inspector for the Board of Health. The duties of these various offices almost wholly command Mr. Condon's time, and his energy and excellent judgment in their performance gives his activities large influence for progress in the community. Mr. Condon's leisure interests include agricultural matters, and he is a prominent member of the Shrewsbury Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, also of the Shrewsbury Farmers' Association. He is a member of the Shrewsbury Club, and is interested in all out-of-door sports, having been at one time one of the best bicycle riders in Worcester County and a rider for five years.

Mr. Condon married, at Worcester, November 19, 1902, Eleanor G. Keeven, daughter of Edward E. and Ellen (Dunn) Keeven. Mr. and Mrs. Condon are the parents of two children: Everett J., born February 8, 1904; and Chester F., born December 10, 1907.

GEORGE H. HARTWELL, JR., a leading druggist of Southbridge, Massachusetts, is at the head of the Hartwell interests in association with his father. This name has been identified with the drug business in this community for four generations, and for almost a century has been a prosperous concern and the oldest drug business in Massachusetts. George H. Hartwell, Jr., the third of this name, has spent his lifetime in Southbridge and his active career thus far in this business.

George H. Hartwell, the first, was born in Vermont, and came to Massachusetts as a young man, settling in Southbridge permanently. In the year 1856 he bought from S. & S. C. Hartwell the present business which was established by them in the year 1827. Mr. Hartwell carried this enterprise forward until his death, which occurred in 1881. It was he who built the Hartwell Block in Southbridge and removed the store to this location in the year 1868. Here the enterprise has continued until the present time, constantly growing in importance, and it is one of the oldest landmarks of this community. He married Ellen Greene, who was born at Westboro, Massachusetts, and died in the year 1911.

George H. Hartwell, the second, was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, July 27, 1863. He was educated in the public and high schools of this community, and, interested from boyhood in the business in which his father was engaged, he made special preparation at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, then entered this business as his life work. In association with his father he was active in the management of the store, and following his father's death in 1881, he became sole owner. He has continued at the head of the enterprise since that time, and when his son came to be of an age to take an interest in the business he received him into partnership. George H. Hartwell, Sr., has long been a leader in fraternal advance, holding membership in all Masonic bodies both the York and Scottish Rites, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He married Nellie E. Needham, of Wales, Massachusetts, and their daughter Catherine Fay, married February 7, 1924, Freeman G. Spalding, of Southbridge, a well-known lumber dealer. Their son is George H. Hartwell, Jr., of whom further.

George H. Hartwell, Jr., the son of George H., Sr., and Nellie E. (Needham) Hartwell, was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, March 13, 1892. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following the high school course he entered the Hartwell Drug Store, where he learned pharmacy under the preceptorship of his father. With the introduction of young blood into the concern the prosperity of the business was increased, and Mr. Hartwell has become a leading factor in its progress. Holding executive responsibility, he has demonstrated his worth and his practical ability, giving new impetus to the business and adding some attractive lines of merchandise which form a part of the complete



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drug store. Mr. Hartwell is a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce, and since attaining his majority has been deeply interested in public affairs. In 1918 he was elected clerk of the Overseers of the Poor, in which capacity he still serves, and since 1917 he has been chairman of the Cemetery Committee. In fraternal circles George H. Hartwell, Jr., is widely prominent, holding membership in all the York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic order, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; he is further affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Improved Order of Red Men; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; the Knights of Pythias; and the Massachusetts Association of Relief Officers.

Mr. Hartwell married, in 1913, Agnes J. Kirby, who was born at Fiskdale, Massachusetts, and they have two daughters: Patricia K., born January 20, 1920; and Barbara Needham, born December 28, 1923.

CHARLES F. HELLNER—In the world of electrical contracting and engineering in Southern Worcester County, Charles F. Hellner holds a noteworthy position as a leading contractor of Southbridge, Massachusetts. Prominent in his business and a veteran of the World War, Mr. Hellner is active in various branches of community effort, and is one of the really significant citizens of Southbridge to-day. He is a son of Carl Hellner, who was born in Denmark, and was a veteran of the War of 1864, when Denmark fought Germany. He was at that time only twelve years of age and had the distinction of being the youngest bugler in the Danish Army. He was a cigar manufacturer by occupation, and lived to a ripe age, passing away in Copenhagen in 1920. The mother, Emma Louise (Levin), was born in Denmark and died in 1909.

Charles F. Hellner was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, October 2, 1874. His education was begun in the local public schools, and after completing his high school education he followed the sea for about six years, then came to the United States, where he settled permanently. Following various lines of endeavor until the year 1908, he then became interested in electrical advance, and fitting himself for contracting activities in this line, he opened his present business in Southbridge, in the year of 1911. He has since been actively engaged in an independent way in this line of endeavor, and now holds a leading position in Worcester County. His success has placed him among the foremost men of Southbridge, and he is highly esteemed in this community. In September, 1917, Mr. Hellner was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Massachusetts State Guard, and on December 12, 1918, was commissioned captain of that body, then received his discharge from the service in the year 1920. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Southbridge Club. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church.

Mr. Hellner married, in 1896, Mary French, who was born at St. John's, Newfoundland, and they are the parents of four children: Charles E., of further mention; Emma Louise, born January 5, 1898; and Clayton Bartlett and Clifton Mehder (twins), born October 29, 1912.

Charles E. Hellner was born April 11, 1897, and thus attained the age of twenty years only a few days after the United States intervened in European affairs. He enlisted in Company B, 1st Engineers, 1st Division, and served in France with the American Expeditionary Forces for two years. His spirit and attitude towards life and the responsibilities of citizenship were well demonstrated in the fact that he was the first man to enlist in Southbridge, and in achieving this noteworthy distinction he won signal honor. He served in the battles of Cantigny, Mondidier, Noyon, Soissons, the Argonne, the Toul sector, and St. Mihiel. He was wounded twice in action, once in the battle of the Argonne, and once in the Soisson sector. Following his return to his native land, Mr. Hellner was discharged from the service on September 30, 1919, with the rank of sergeant.

DANIEL WEBSTER BAKER, one of the prominent citizens of Phillipston, Massachusetts, since the death of his father, has been engaged in agricultural pursuits on the homestead farm. He also conducts a saw mill and is deeply interested in forestry.

Silas Washington Baker, father of Mr. Baker, was born in Phillipston, on March 9, 1815, and died on the homestead farm on March 29, 1901. Silas Baker, Sr., the grandfather of Silas W. Baker, was a great-great-grandson of William Baker, who came from England to Concord, Massachusetts, in 1660. He came to Phillipston in 1777, at the age of twenty-nine years, and settled on the homestead farm, building a log cabin, which was replaced by the present building in 1807. His wife came to the homestead one year later. Their grandson, Silas Washington Baker, married, on December 18, 1850, Harriet La Duke, who was a native of Canada, but had come to Vermont when very young. They were the parents of twelve children: Harriet Almira, born July 13, 1851; Abbie Maria, born March 13, 1853; Sarah Ella, born June 23, 1855; Lucy Jane, born January 12, 1857; Ida Lunette, born August 3, 1858; Daniel Webster, of whom further; Mary Elizabeth, born June 22, 1863; Lucia Antoinette, born June 20, 1865; Silas Francis, born March 13, 1867; Charlotte Isabelle, born January 1, 1869; Florence Agnes, born October 31, 1870, and Leonard Washington, born April 29, 1874. Of these children two are deceased, Lucia Antoinette, and Abbie Maria. Harriet Almira and Daniel Webster live on the homestead.

Daniel Webster Baker son of Silas Washington and Harriet (La Duke) Baker, was born in Phillipston, Massachusetts, October 12, 1860, and received his early education in the public schools of his native town and Templeton High School. He then completed his preparation for an active career by a course in the North Adams Academy. For two terms after completing his academic course he was engaged in teaching in the West, and also in Phillipston, Massachusetts, but at the end of that time he decided to leave the teaching profession and embark on a business career. He accepted a position as station agent for the Fitchburg Railway, serving in various places and maintaining the connection for a period of eight years. He then returned to the homestead farm at Phillipston, and since the death of his father has taken complete charge of the farm, and in addition to the usual agricultural pursuits has also con-

ducted a saw mill. The homestead farm comprises a large amount of timber land, and Mr. Baker is deeply interested in the science of forestry. Besides this homestead farm he owns other land with a large frontage on Queen Lake, a summer resort in Phillipston, and has several cottages along the lake front which he rents to summer residents. He also has about one hundred acres of land extending from the lake, but in all this the farm is not included. Besides these various business activities, Mr. Baker has always taken an active part in local public affairs.

He is chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and chairman of the Board of Assessors, as well as Overseer of the Poor, and he serves also as clerk of both the former bodies. He has been a member of the School Board, is a member of the board of trustees of the Library, and takes an active interest in the local grange, being Master of the same. In all of these services he has been efficient, and a helpful and progressive worker. In his religious affiliation he is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Baker is unmarried.

ANNIE (STOCKS) FRANCE—As librarian of the Phillip's Free Public Library of Phillipston, Massachusetts, Annie (Stocks) France is a noteworthy figure in the community, and is bearing a constructive part in the moral and ethical advance of her day. Mrs. France is a native of England, and has been a resident of the United States since the year 1889. She is a daughter of Charles William and Mary (Donkersley) Stocks, her father a prominent builder and contractor in England throughout his active and useful career.

Annie Stocks was born at Huddersfield, England, September 11, 1863. Her education was received in the city schools of her birthplace. She chose teaching as her profession, and trained in her native city. For five years she was first assistant of the Christ Church School, Ashton-u-Lyne Lancashire, and later became principal of the Uplowman School, Tiverton, Devonshire. In 1889 she resigned this position to become the wife of Rev. William France, who was pastor of the Congregational church at Union, New Hampshire. She has also lived in Bath and in Hillsboro, New Hampshire, and in Duxbury and New Braintree, Massachusetts. For six years she has resided in Phillipston, where her husband is pastor. Always broadly interested in educational advance and in every phase of literary activity, Mrs. France accepted the position of librarian of the Phillip's Free Library, which position she has ably filled until the present time (1923). She is managing the affairs of the library judiciously and wisely, and her influence among the young people of the community as a leader of public thought and a director of popular reading is of more than immediate significance, for it tends toward the permanent uplift of the people. Mrs. France is a member of the Congregational church and a Patron of Husbandry.

Mr. and Mrs. France are the parents of three children: Wilfred C., born at Bath, New Hampshire, December 9, 1892, now a trainman; Eunice Mary, born at Bath, June 25, 1895, wife of Edward Rodgers, principal of the schools at Devon and Milford, Connecticut; and Donald, born also at Bath, March 4, 1897, a graduate of Middlebury College, and now active as a draftsman in Cleveland, Ohio.

MYRON FRED CUTLER, M. D.—In professional circles in Worcester County, Massachusetts, Dr. Cutler is highly esteemed and widely known, and in his practice, which centers in the town of Webster, he is doing much, not only for the welfare of the people at the moment, but for the general advance of his profession. Dr. Cutler comes of a well-known New York State family, and is a son of George O. and Emma Caroline (Barrett) Cutler, his father a commission merchant by occupation, and his maternal grandfather, William Marshall Barrett, served in the Civil War as surgeon to the 53d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, from which he was mustered out on September 8, 1863.

Myron Fred Cutler was born at Vandalia, New York, April 6, 1879. The family removing to Somerville, Massachusetts, when he was two years of age, his education was begun in the local public schools, and he was graduated from the Somerville High School in the class of 1906. Having chosen his present profession early in life he then entered the medical department of Tufts College from which he was graduated in 1912 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Serving as interne for three months at the Boston City Hospital, his work in that connection was principally in surgery, and he gained invaluable experience. He then spent one year at Grace Hospital, in Boston. Then in 1913 Dr. Cutler opened his offices at Southbridge, Massachusetts, where he continued in practice for about five years very successfully. He then came to Webster and opening offices at No. 129 Main Street, has since been active in his profession in this community. He has thus far carried forward a large general practice, but his growing interest is in the nose and throat, and he has had great success in these specialties. A Republican by political affiliation, Dr. Cutler has served for the past few years on the Webster Board of Health but has never thus far accepted public responsibility except along the line of his profession. In 1898 he tried to enlist for service in the Spanish-American War, but was rejected for defective eyesight. In May, 1898, he was mustered into Company B, 5th Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, and served until 1899. He reënlisted in 1901 and served until 1904. When the United States entered the World War he was one of the first to offer his services but was twice rejected. He served, however, as first lieutenant in the 18th Infantry Guard, and during the first draft examined 1,030 men. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts State Medical Society, the Worcester County Medical Society, and the Webster and Dudley Medical Club. He is identified with the local lodges of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is affiliated with the Baptist church.

Dr. Cutler married Mary U. Hoenig, daughter of John and Anna Hoenig of Webster.

FREDERICK V. JOHANSSON—After receiving a thorough technical training as electrical engineer Frederick V. Johansson successfully followed that profession for a period of twelve years and then became identified with the Jewett Piano Company of Leominster, Massachusetts, of which concern he is now manager and general superintendent.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, November 19, 1882,



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Mr. Johansson is a son of Charles F., D. D., who, in addition to his services as a minister of the gospel, has traveled extensively and done a large amount of exploring in Africa and other countries, and of Augusta (Schuck) Johansson. After receiving his early education in the public schools of his native city, Frederick V. Johansson entered the Mechanic Arts High School in Boston, where he took a post-graduate course in the sciences. He then entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from which he was graduated in 1905, with the degree of Electrical Engineer. Upon the completion of his technical training he became associated with the Edison Company in research and engineering work, maintaining that connection for some time, finally resigning to accept a position as research engineer for the development of heating apparatus and devices for the Simplex Electric Heating Company. After securing valuable experience in these two connections he became the assistant to Professor Sabine, of Harvard University, engaged in scientific research in the Jefferson Physical Laboratory of that institution. In 1909 he again made a change and removed to Leominster, accepting a position with the Massachusetts Lighting Company as assistant manager. That position he continued to efficiently fill until 1912, when he resigned and associated himself with an entire new line of business. He became associated with the Jewett Piano Company, and a little later was made assistant superintendent. In May, 1917, he was appointed manager and general superintendent of the entire plant, and this responsible executive position he has continued to fill to the present time (1923). His energy and ability are important factors in the notably successful career of the Jewett Piano Company since 1912, and his services are highly appreciated by the officials of the company.

Politically Mr. Johansson gives his support to the Republican party, but he does not take an active part in its work. In the quiet ways of the public-spirited citizen he has always been ready to contribute his share to the advancement of the public welfare, and is well known among a host of friends and associates as a man of sound principles. He is a member of the Leominster Club, and his religious affiliation is with the Lutheran church of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Frederick V. Johansson married, on August 14, 1911, in Leominster, Massachusetts, May E. Zangenberg, daughter of Frederick J. and Augusta (Lindberg) Zangenberg. Mr. and Mrs. Johansson are the parents of two sons: Charles F., who was born February 17, 1915; and Warren J., born April 1, 1921.

FREDERICK E. THOMPSON—With long experience in various lines of commercial endeavor, Frederick E. Thompson, of Westboro, Massachusetts, has for a number of years been at the head of one of the most attractive and popular enterprises in this community, dealing in confectionery, ice cream, and tobacco. Mr. Thompson is a son of Eugene W. and Minerva C. (Buck) Thompson, his father and grandfather both having been natives of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and boat builders by occupation, as well as farmers.

Frederick E. Thompson was born at Hopkinton, Massachusetts, September 22, 1865. His education was begun in the public schools, and he also covered a prac-

tical course at the Hopkinton High School. Mr. Thompson's first business experience was with the Adams Express Company, joining the force of the Boston office in 1883. There he was active as extra messenger until his transfer in the fall of the same year to Westboro, Massachusetts, where he served as clerk of the local office of the same company. Active in this connection for about two years he then was transferred to the New London, Connecticut, office of this company, remaining there as messenger for three years, then was transferred once more to Mount Vernon, New York, as agent. There he was active in this responsible office for fifteen years, and thereafter became night agent at Hartford, Connecticut, filling this position for four years. His next change was to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where for four years he acted as agent, then resigned to return to Westboro. Upon locating in Westboro, Mr. Thompson filled an office position with the Westboro Hat Company for seven years, his brother-in-law being one of the owners of the company. In October, 1916, Mr. Thompson opened the store, which has since been such a popular gathering place of the people of this community, at the corner of Milk and Main streets. About five years later H. W. L. Fox became a partner in the business, which had prospered largely from the first. In May, 1921, Mr. Fox sold his interest to Burt Trook, and this partnership still continues. The business receives the patronage not only of the entire community, but of the countless motorists who are constantly passing through. Mr. Thompson's genial spirit and progressive policies have carried this business to a very high level of efficiency and success, and he is numbered among the really prominent men of Westboro. As a young man Mr. Thompson was active for eight years as a member of the 11th Separate Company of the 1st Regiment, New York National Guard, of Mount Vernon, New York, and has always taken a deep interest in the general advance, but has never accepted public office. His fraternal affiliations are with Siloam Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Westboro, of which he is Past Master, and is a member of the Past Masters' Association of the Twenty-third Masonic District; is a member of Houghton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Marlboro, Massachusetts; Marlboro Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar, of Hudson, Massachusetts; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; Aletheia Grotto of Worcester; Bethan Chapter, No. 13, Order of the Eastern Star, of Westboro; and Westboro Grange, No. 116, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Thompson married (first), at New London, Connecticut, October 5, 1887, Mary Elizabeth Latham, daughter of William L. and Frances A. (Oothout) Latham. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are the parents of four children: Viola O., born June 3, 1889, now the wife of Willie E. Whitney; Beatrice L., born September 29, 1898, who became the wife of Ralph Smith, but is now deceased; Edith F., born May 22, 1900, now the wife of George Newell Ayers; and Marion A., born at Holyoke, January 15, 1908. Mr. Thompson married (second) Mrs. Lillian E. Whittier, nee Mason.

THOMAS F. MURPHY—Not only in his residence town of Southbridge, Massachusetts, but among the

traveling public in the East, Thomas F. Murphy is well known, being the owner and manager of the Hotel Columbia, of Southbridge. Active along other lines of business in his earlier years, Mr. Murphy has been engaged in hotel interests for the past thirty years and during the greater part of that time at his present location. He is a son of Patrick Murphy, who was born in Ireland and was engaged in the shoe industry until his death, which occurred in 1890. The mother, Ellen (Halpin) Murphy, was also born in Ireland and died in the year 1916.

Thomas F. Murphy was born at Brookfield, Massachusetts, February 22, 1858. He received his education in the public and high schools of his birthplace and immediately thereafter he entered the shoe industry, following this line of activity for a period of about twelve years. In 1893 Mr. Murphy entered his present field, becoming active in the hotel business, and in 1904 came to Southbridge and purchased the Hotel Columbia, and has conducted this house since. Mr. Murphy is sole owner and has personally managed the hotel, his wide experience and popularity developing a very extensive and lucrative patronage. This hotel has forty rooms and a restaurant for its guests, and is a leading hostelry of Southbridge. Mr. Murphy's genial spirit and cordial manner have made for him countless friends, and he has contrived also to keep the home atmosphere, which is so grateful to the traveling public. He is interested in all local affairs, is a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce and takes a deep interest in all that contributes to the general welfare. He is affiliated with the American Hotel Association, his fraternal connection is with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his clubs are the Southbridge and the Quinebaug. For years he has been one of the executive committee of five of the Worcester South Agricultural Society, having charge of the annual fair. He has given a great deal of time and money to the promotion and success of this society. Mr. Murphy attends St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Thomas F. Murphy married (first), in 1888, Margaret Blake, who died in 1910, leaving two children: William B., born in July, 1894, who served in the World War as a second lieutenant in the United States Army; and Helen W., born in 1897, now active as a nurse in New York City. Mr. Murphy married (second), in 1912, Mabel Phelps Whitford, daughter of Warren C. and Josephine Russell (Phelps) Whitford, of Southbridge.

LULA DOT (FAY) PRATT—One of the active and influential citizens of Athol, Massachusetts, is Lula Dot (Fay) Pratt, who in addition to the management of her home and the discharge of her duties as a mother, finds time for club activities, for civic service, and for church work.

Mrs. Pratt is a daughter of Othello Augustan Fay, a broker and lumber dealer of Athol, and of Clara Angeline (Lee) Fay. She was born November 7, 1872, in Athol, and her early education was obtained in the public schools of her native city. After the completion of the work of the primary and intermediate grades in the schools of Athol, she entered the high school there, but upon the completion of her first year she became a student in the Prospect Hill School for girls at Green-

field, Massachusetts, where her education was completed. From the time of the finishing of her school training to the time of her marriage she resided in the home of her parents and was occupied with various social, civic, and church activities, and during her more mature years she has, along with her duties as wife, mother, and "home maker," found time for public service in various fields. She is a stockholder in the Athol National Bank and in the Miller's River National Bank. Politically, she gives her support to the Republican party. Mrs. Pratt is always ready to contribute her share to the advancement of the public welfare. During the World War she was very active in the work of the Red Cross Society, opened a headquarters for knitting, and took part in the house-to-house canvass for funds for the Red Cross work. She is a member of the Athol Girls' and Woman's Club, and of the Ladies' Alliance of the Unitarian Church, in both of which she rendered valuable service. Fraternally, she is affiliated with the Eastern Star, Themis Chapter, which she has served as a matron. Her religious affiliation is with the Unitarian church of Athol. Mrs. Pratt has a pleasing personality, and readily makes friends, having many in Athol who value her friendship highly, esteeming her ability and her high ideals.

On November 4, 1892, at Athol, Massachusetts, Lula Dot Fay was married to Charles Wellington Pratt, son of George Bancroft, of Sherburne Falls, Massachusetts, and of Sarah (Francis) Pratt. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wellington Pratt are the parents of one son, Othello Fay Pratt, born August 28, 1896.

ALBERT HENIUS is among the younger executives of Worcester County, Massachusetts, and holds a very responsible position as general manager for the New England Telephone Company at the Milford branch. Experience in telephone work has well fitted him for the responsibilities of his present position, and he is well known and popular also as a veteran of the World War. He is a son of Marcus and Frances Henius, for many years residents of the city of Boston.

Albert Henius was born in Boston, Massachusetts, July 19, 1890. His education was acquired in the public schools of the city, and as a young man he entered the employ of the New England Telephone Company, starting in the installation department. He spent twelve years in this connection, and in the course of that period became thoroughly experienced in telephone work. He was then transferred to Springfield, Massachusetts, as credit manager, after which in 1920 he was further transferred to Milford, where he was given the general management of this branch. His work has given him an enviable reputation, and as an able and conscientious executive he is esteemed by all who know him in this community. A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Henius has served as secretary of the Milford Chamber of Commerce during the years 1920, 1921, and 1922 and still in the present year (1923) fills this office. During the World War Mr. Henius served in the United States Coast Artillery, being stationed first at Fort Warren as a member of Company C, 7th Regiment, on September 5, 1917. He was transferred to Fort Banks on December 24, 1917, and was sent to France in June of 1918. He saw active service in some of the most desperate drives



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of that fearful time, including St. Mihiel, Verdun, and the Meuse-Argonne, and upon his return to America received his honorable discharge from the service with the rank of corporal on May 6, 1919. Fraternally Mr. Henius is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons of Boston; and of the Springfield Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; he is a prominent member of the Milford Post, American Legion, which he serves as chairman of the entertainment committee.

Mr. Henius married, in September, 1919, in Boston, Massachusetts, Ethel Good, and they reside in Milford.

JAMES FULLERTON SHAW—It was forty years ago that James Fullerton Shaw came to this country from Scotland, then a young man still in his teens, and settled here permanently. He is a native of Paisley, Scotland, where he was born January 12, 1867, a son of William and Mary (Kennedy) Shaw. His father, who was a machinist by trade, was born at Johnston, Scotland, and died in Scotland in 1880, when his son, James F., was in his thirteenth year. His mother, born at Saltcoats, in the same country, survived her husband three years, her death having occurred in 1883. Mr. Shaw attended the public schools of his home community, but was obliged to leave off his studies when in his early youth and become a wage earner. He secured a position in the machinery line for two years, then came to the United States, arriving in Clinton in 1882. He immediately sought work and in the same year was successful in making a connection with the Bigelow Carpet Company, which later became the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company, his first position being that of changer. Being ambitious and industrious, he gained promotion from time to time until he achieved his present position as superintendent of weaving, which he has now held for the past five years.

As a representative citizen of Clinton Mr. Shaw is held in the highest esteem, and is connected with a number of the well known clubs and societies of the community. Among those in which he maintains membership are the Prescott Club, the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Club, St. Andrew's Mutual Benefit Association, and Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

On June 11, 1891, Marion Hamilton, a native of Rutherglen, Scotland, became the wife of Mr. Shaw, and they have a family of three children: Margaret H.; William K., who served as a private in the Hanley-Paige Aviation Unit in the United States Army during the World War; and James F., Jr., who is now (1923) a student at Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont. The family are attendants of the Congregational church of Clinton.

CLIFTON E. WATSON—Meeting the demands of the textile industry throughout New England in certain lines of mill equipment, Clifton E. Watson is active in the management of The J. H. Williams Company, one of the leading concerns manufacturing shuttles and heddle frames for looms. Mr. Watson is a native of Worcester County, Massachusetts, and now lives in Worcester, Massachusetts. His training and experience have been along the lines in which he now holds executive responsibility. He is a son of Walter C. Watson, who was born in Leicester, Massachusetts, and is active in the same organization, being treasurer of The J. H.

Williams Company, also president and treasurer of L. S. Watson Manufacturing Company, Leicester, Massachusetts. The mother, Leila B. (Jordon) Watson, was born in Maine, and is also still living.

Clifton E. Watson was born in Leicester, Massachusetts, July 25, 1898. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he later attended Leicester Academy, after which he took a course at the Worcester South High School. He prepared for college at Phillips-Exeter Academy, at Exeter, New Hampshire, then entered Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1922, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. While there he made special preparation for his present activities at the Amos Tuck School of Business and Finance, at Dartmouth, after which he became associated with The J. H. Williams Company. This concern was founded in 1830, in Utica, New York, and was carried forward at that location beyond the close of the last century. It was incorporated in Utica in 1897, then, on January 1, 1909, in order to go forward in the New England centers of the textile industry, where its product was largely distributed, the company removed to Millbury, Massachusetts. Hudson W. Hakes, who was manager of the H. W. Hakes Manufacturing Company at that time, took over the management of the plant and for just a decade filled this responsible position. Upon his resignation Arthur O. Buzzell was appointed manager, and a year or two later the two companies became merged. He ably filled this position until his death, which occurred December 25, 1922. In January, 1923, Clifton E. Watson was appointed manager, to succeed Mr. Buzzell, and took over the responsibilities of that office immediately. The present personnel of The J. H. Williams Company is: John R. Roberts president; Walter C. Watson, secretary and treasurer; Clifton E. Watson, vice-president and general manager; and Wilbur L. Watson, assistant treasurer. This company manufactures a line of mill supplies, principally shuttles and heddle frames. The Williams shuttle is known throughout the textile industry for its quality, durability, and dependability, and the concern has won its present enviable reputation on the merit of its goods, and on the unquestioned integrity of the organization. Occupying about 25,000 square feet of floor space, they hold a leading position in their field in this section of the country and employ about sixty people. Clifton E. Watson is widely known in social and fraternal circles, and is a veteran of the World War. He is also vice-president of the L. S. Watson Manufacturing Company, Leicester, Massachusetts. He enlisted in the United States Marine Flying Corps as gunnery sergeant on September 1, 1918, and received his honorable discharge from the service the following year. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of the National Manufacturers' Association, the United Commercial Travelers' Association, the Worcester Commercial Travelers' Association, the American Legion, the Worcester Country Club, the Leicester Men's Club, the University Club, the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and the Sphinx Senior Society of Dartmouth College.

Mr. Watson married, in August, 1922, Madelaine Prentice Howe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Weston Howe. Mr. and Mrs. Watson attend the Congregational church.

JOHN EDWARD LA BONTE, D. M. D.—In the dental profession in Webster, Massachusetts, Dr. La Bonte is considered one of the promising and able practitioners of the day. Trained in New England institutions and further qualified for practice by experience in Europe during the World War, Dr. La Bonte is considered a master in his profession and has already won a gratifying measure of success.

John Edward La Bonte was born at Marlboro, Massachusetts, March 11, 1895, and is a son of John and Margaret (Cassidy) La Bonte. The family removing to Webster, Massachusetts, when Dr. La Bonte was five years of age, he first attended the public schools of this community, and is a graduate of Webster High School. Entering Tufts College for his professional training, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1917 with the degree of D. M. D. Passing the State board examinations within the year Dr. La Bonte entered the service, then following his return to civilian life he opened his offices both in Webster, Massachusetts, and on Copley Square, in Boston. Residing in Webster, his practice here became so extensive and so largely demanded his time that he eventually discontinued the Boston office in May, 1922.

Following his graduation from college Dr. La Bonte was commissioned a lieutenant of the American Red Cross, and later was promoted to captain. He served in charge of dental work at the Children's Bureau, in Paris, France, for fourteen months, then for six months was active in Servia and the Balkan States. He received decorations from the Servian Red Cross, also received the San Sava, the King's decoration. Dr. La Bonte is a member of the Louis Pasteur Club of Tufts College, of which he is one of the organizers, and he is actively identified with the Knights of Columbus, which he serves on the board of trustees. He was elected a member of the Webster Board of Health in 1923.

Dr. La Bonte is single and is a member of Saint Louis' Roman Catholic Church.

EDWARD G. OSGOOD, since 1915, has been efficiently serving as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Clinton, Massachusetts. Mr. Osgood was born in North Andover, Massachusetts, August 29, 1865, son of Charles W., a native of Andover, Massachusetts, who was engaged in the machinery business until his retirement, and of Fanny Maria (Searl) Osgood, who was born in Hollis, New Hampshire, and who died in 1920. He received his early education in the public schools of Bellows Falls, Vermont, and then became a student in the preparatory school known as Vermont Academy, at Saxton's River, Vermont. Upon the completion of his course in the academy, in 1884, he entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts. Afterward he learned the trade of the machinist, and for fifteen years followed that line. At the end of that time he went to Nashua, New Hampshire, where for a period of one year he was engaged in the machinery business. He then accepted a position as secretary of the Board of Trade in Nashua, which official position he held until 1915. In that year he removed to Clinton, Massachusetts, where he was elected secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, which position he has continued to fill to the present time (1923). Mr. Osgood has his

offices in the town hall, and it is probably true that no other individual in the city is so thoroughly familiar with business conditions there as Mr. Osgood. He has taken a deep interest in the economic development of the city, and has also found time for other outside activities. Before coming to Clinton he served on the Governor's staff in Vermont, from 1884 to 1886. During the World War he served as secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, at the Watertown Arsenal.

Mr. Osgood is widely known throughout the city of Clinton and is highly esteemed both because of his business ability and also for his personal qualities, which have won him many friends. He is a member of King Solomon Temple Lodge, No. 45, Free and Accepted Masons, of Bellows Falls, Vermont; and of Bellows Falls Lodge, No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church of Clinton.

Edward G. Osgood married, on June 10, 1899, Florence Farnham, who was born in Bradford, Vermont, daughter of ex-Governor Roswell and Mary (Johnson) Farnham. Mrs. Osgood is managing director of Neshobe Camp for Girls in South Fairlee, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Osgood are the parents of two children: Elizabeth F., who married Philip L. Carret, of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Edward, who is a student in the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont.

PATRICK H. MCINTYRE—A man who has merited the confidence of this community and filled a position of trust for many years is Patrick H. McIntyre, who for over thirty years has been connected with the post office in Clinton. Mr. McIntyre, who is a lifelong resident of this community, having been born here July 23, 1872, received his education in the schools, public and high, and pursued his business career here. He is a son of John McIntyre, a native of Sligo County, Ireland, who followed the occupation of combmaker until his death in 1885, and of Ellen (Connaughton) McIntyre, who was born at Galway, Ireland, and died in 1903.

After completing his education and he was ready for a position in the commercial world, Mr. McIntyre decided to enter the postal service and was appointed to the position of auxiliary clerk in the Clinton Post Office, then, in 1890, was appointed regular clerk, which he retained until 1908, when he was made Assistant Postmaster, and has filled that office ever since. Throughout his service he has proven himself faithful and reliable, winning the esteem of the whole community. Mr. McIntyre is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, which he supports generously with personal service and in financial contributions to its various phases of charitable and philanthropic work.

Mr. McIntyre was married in 1904, when he took as his wife C. Mae Messer, who was born at Groton, Massachusetts. They have two children: Phyllis, born July 5, 1906, and William V., who was born May 23, 1912.

JOSEPH BURNETT CHOATE—In Boston and in Southboro, Massachusetts, Joseph Burnett Choate is well known, both as an enterprising and successful business man and as a progressive citizen, who, having received much in the way of personal ability and liberal

education, gives freely of his best for the advancement of the general welfare.

Mr. Choate was born in Southboro, Massachusetts, May 3, 1893, son of Charles F. and Louise (Burnett) Choate. After receiving his early education in the Fay School, he prepared for college in S. Mark's Preparatory School, from which he was graduated in 1911. He then matriculated in Harvard College, from which he was graduated in 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Immediately upon the completion of his college course he identified himself with the firm of Harris, Forbes & Company, investment bankers and bond brokers, with offices at No. 24 Federal Street, and his connection with that concern has been maintained to the present time, in the capacity of salesman. Mr. Choate is freely devoting his youth, his energy, and his ability to the advancement of the concern with which he is identified, and there is every reason to predict that his work will, in the years to come, be an important factor in the advancement of the interests of the concern. During the World War Mr. Choate enlisted and was commissioned a captain of cavalry, commanding a horse troop in the 82d Division. He saw active service in the Argonne offensive, as a captain in the 320th Field Artillery, 82d Division, and was honorably discharged February 4, 1919, with the rank of captain. He is now captain of cavalry in the Reserve Corps.

Mr. Choate resides in Southboro, Massachusetts. He is a Republican and is contributing his share to the advancement of the public interests of the community by serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen of that town. He is a member of the Turf and Field Club of New York City; of D. K. E. college fraternity; of the Hasty Pudding Club, Harvard; of the Institute of 1770; and of the S. K. Club of Harvard.

Mr. Choate's chief interest is in the breeding of thoroughbred horses. His mares are kept at A. B. Hancock's Claiborne stud at Paris, Kentucky. He has imported a number of thoroughbred mares from England by such sires as "Sundridge," "Symington," and "Grey Fox." Among the yearlings he has bred and sold in this country is a sister in blood to the sensational English filly "Mumtaz Mahal," both being by a "Samaritan" horse from a "Sundridge" mare. He has also bred a brother in blood to "Man o' War," and now owns a Star Shoot mare in foal to this remarkable horse.

THOMAS F. MCGOVERN, B. S.—In large construction work in Worcester County, Massachusetts, the name of Thomas F. McGovern is one of large prominence and with interests centering in Southbridge, Mr. McGovern is achieving marked success in this branch of progressive endeavor. Mr. McGovern is a native of this county and received his education in the institutions of his native State, where his activities now principally lie. He is a son of Patrick and Annie (Hayden) McGovern, both deceased. The father was born in Ireland, but the mother was born in Leicester, Massachusetts, and died as recently as the year 1922.

Thomas F. McGovern was born at Spencer, Massachusetts, December 29, 1879. His education was begun in the local public schools, and his high school course was covered in the city of Worcester. Later entering Holy Cross

College he covered the course in the liberal arts in that institution, then entered Dartmouth College for his technical training and was graduated in the class of 1901 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Mr. McGovern's first experience was in the employ of A. W. Woods, of Worcester, then a leading engineer of this section, and he remained in this connection for a year and a half. In the year 1903 Mr. McGovern entered business for himself as a contracting engineer in the city of Worcester and followed this general line in that location until the close of the year 1909. Early in the following year he removed to Southbridge and has since been active in this community in the same general line of endeavor, with offices on Main Street. Mr. McGovern's success has been won by his own efforts and by the large administrative ability which places him among the leaders in this field. He has done much important engineering work in this section and holds an enviable position in his chosen field of endeavor. He has further business affiliations of a local nature, including a directorship in the People's National Bank of Southbridge. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his clubs are the Southbridge, and the Quinebaug. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Church.

DONALD E. SMITH—The printing business is thoroughly known to Mr. Smith, and his entire commercial life has been devoted to his one line of industry. He is known to residents of South Lancaster as vice-president of the South Lancaster Printing Company, which concern is engaged in book publishing, periodical, catalogue, and general commercial printing.

Donald E. Smith is a son of Joseph L. and Jessie (Noons) Smith, natives of Jasksonville, Illinois, where he was born July 25, 1892. His father was a lumber merchant in Michigan, and died in 1920 after retirement from business. His mother is still living. When his education in the public schools at Battle Creek, Michigan, and high school at Lincoln, Nebraska, was completed, he entered Union College at College View, Nebraska, and graduated in 1911. Then he came to South Lancaster, Massachusetts, being employed at that time by the South Lancaster Printing Company at thirteen and a half cents an hour. As he learned the details of the business he was advanced, and in 1920 took over the establishment in coöperation with his brothers, Edgar J. and Charles Roy Smith, comprising the present partnership. The greater part of the work of this plant is done by means of automatic machines, and fifteen employees are retained by the company, which publishes the "Atlantic Union Gleaner," a weekly publication.

Mr. Smith is a member of the United Typothetæ Society, Franklin Club of Salt Lake City, Utah, and the American Legion. He enlisted in the United States Army in July, 1918, serving at Kelly Field, Texas, and in the Curtis Company test field in Buffalo, New York, remaining at the latter place until discharged from the army with the rank of private in December, 1918.

In January, 1918, Donald E. Smith was united in marriage with Lena J. Munn, a native of Vermont. To this union two children were born: Phillis Donna, born July 11, 1919; and Donald E., Jr., born in 1920.

PETER J. CANNON—Except for a period during the Spanish-American War, Mr. Cannon has served the community of Clinton Worcester County, Massachusetts, continuously, as Water Registrar, in an efficient manner. His parents were natives of Inish Boffin, county of Galway, Ireland, where the father, Arthur Cannon, spent his life as a farmer, and died in 1904. The mother, Bridget (O'Malley) Cannon, died there in 1886.

Peter J. Cannon, born in Inish Boffin, county of Galway, Ireland, January 1, 1865, obtained his education in the public schools at Clinton, and the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Boston, Massachusetts. After leaving the latter institution he engaged in business with the Boston Plate Window Glass Company, remaining with that concern until his appointment to the office he now holds, which was in 1898. At that time the war with Spain necessitated his being granted a leave of absence to serve in the United States Volunteer Army, and at the close of the war he returned to his position.

On December 7, 1885, he joined Company K, 6th Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, and was transferred later to Company K, of the 9th Massachusetts, where he became first sergeant. He received the Captain Shaw medal for the best drilled man and the General Atwood medal presented to the best all-around man, and while a member of the latter outfit he qualified through all grades of marksmen to sharpshooter. He was appointed first lieutenant of this company on May 11, 1891, and was promoted to captain of Company K in 1898, of the Massachusetts United States Volunteers. He was stationed at Camp Dewey, South Framingham, Massachusetts, during the month of May, and from June 1 to 24, at Camp Alger, Virginia. On the latter date he left for Cuba, arriving there July 1 of that year. The Santiago campaign found him a participant in the battle which lasted two days, July 2 and 3, and the siege from July 3 to 17, then was in the Army of Occupation from July 18 to August 29. He was among the troops to embark on the transport "Rumanian" for Montauk Point, Long Island, after reaching which he was granted a sixty-day furlough, beginning September 8, 1898, and was mustered out of service November 26, 1898, at Clinton, with the rank of captain. In February of the following year he resumed active work with the State militia as captain, until June 23, 1903, at which time he was retired.

Mr. Cannon served on the library board for a period of six years as trustee and for one year as chairman of the board. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; Catholic Order of Foresters; Military Order of the Spanish-American War; United Spanish War Veterans; the Army of Santiago, Veterans of Foreign Wars; United States Infantry Association; and the National Guard Association. He was also a former member of the United States Military Service Institutions. He is affiliated with the Lamsdec Club and the Historical Society. His church membership is with St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

JOHN F. MCGEE—During the past seven years that John F. McGee has been Chief of Police of Clinton, Massachusetts, he has won the esteem and confidence of the entire community, and is recognized as an efficient official of the best type. Mr. McGee is a native

of Clinton, and the son of a Clinton-born father and mother. His father, James H. McGee, who is retired, was an efficient police officer of Clinton for years. His mother, who before her marriage was Bridget Healey, died in 1907. After finishing his studies in the public schools here, Mr. McGee went to Boston and took a course of commercial studies at the Bryant & Stratton Business College. After completing his work there he took a position as bookkeeper for a time, but gave it up to become a police officer in Clinton in 1914. Then, in 1915 and 1916, he went to Barre and was Chief of Police of that town during those years. This line of endeavor proved to be the most congenial to Mr. McGee, and at the end of his period of service in Barre he returned to the Clinton police force, was made Chief of Police in 1917, and has continued from that time to this to fulfill the duties of that important position.

In the social, civic, and religious life of Clinton, also, Mr. McGee plays an important role. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which has honored him with the office of Exalted Ruler (1922-23); and also of Clinton Council, No. 1701, Knights of Columbus. His chief recreations are dancing, fishing, and reading. St. John's Catholic Church counts him among its most valued communicants and liberal supporters.

In 1920 Mr. McGee was united in marriage with Catherine A. Devaney, born in Clinton. They have one child, John F. McGee, Jr., whose natal day was December 6, 1921.

LUIGI MARIUS DeCICCO, M. D.—One of the most promising young men in the medical profession to-day in Northern Worcester County is Dr. DeCicco, who received his medical degree at the University of Vermont, and whose practice was delayed by his activities in the World War. Of highly distinguished Italian lineage, Dr. DeCicco is a grandson of Luigi DeCicco, who was a veteran of the Civil War under Garibaldi, with whom he came to the United States. Luigi DeCicco was a graduate of the University of Padua, of Padua, Italy, and after serving with honor under Garibaldi in the Civil War until the close of that struggle, he returned with his famous leader's army and was for a time an aide-de-camp on Garibaldi's staff. He is still living (1923) at an advanced age, one of the celebrated and honored figures in the military life of his native Italy, and during the World War he did much for his country as a member of the Military Advisory Council.

Carmine DeCicco, son of Luigi DeCicco, and father of Dr. DeCicco, was born in Italy, and came to the United States with his father and mother at the age of two years, later returning to Italy, where he studied at the University of Naples and in a military school. In 1893 he came to the United States as an Italian Government attache to the World Columbian Exposition, and while in this country he married Anna Giovannina Misci, whose father was a prominent contractor in New York. In 1898 he took part in the Spanish-American War. Mr. DeCicco was identified for a number of years with the marble and granite business, holding interests in the granite quarries of Barre and Hardwick, Vermont.

Luigi Marius DeCicco was born at Milford, Massa-



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chusetts, May 23, 1897. His education was begun in the public schools of that community, and he is a graduate of the Milford High School, class of 1912, where he was a star athlete and student, graduating from high school in three years' time, having completed the course in that time. Later entering the University of Vermont for a pre-medical course, he matriculated at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, from which he was graduated in 1917, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, being treasurer of his class. During his university course he was a leader in all social and athletic activities, holding membership in the Phi Chi fraternity, the Phi Mu Delta fraternity, the former a medical and the latter an academic body; also the Theta Nu Epsilon, a national academic fraternity. He was a member of the Pre-Medical Club, the Newman Club, and the Ivory Club; was a member of the band and orchestra, a leader of the quartette, and a member of the glee club. He played on his 'varsity and class football team as a star halfback during the college course, and also on the baseball team as catcher. Dr. DeCicco was first lieutenant of Company C, the university company in the Vermont National Guard, and as such spent five months on the Mexican border. He resigned his commission on account of the rivalry between the medical and academic departments of the university and recruited a medical corps from a total enrollment of one hundred pupils, eight of whom were cripples. This corps returned from service on the Mexican border in October, 1916. Shortly after his graduation Dr. DeCicco enlisted for service in the World War as a member of the Medical Corps.

Locating in the city of Framingham, Massachusetts, Dr. DeCicco began practice there in July, 1919, and during his stay served as a member of the staff of the Framingham and Union Avenue Hospitals. Meanwhile, during 1920-21, he took post-graduate work at Harvard University along several special lines of study and research. Thereafter coming to Fitchburg, he opened his offices here and has already gained an assured footing in his chosen profession. Among all who know him Dr. DeCicco is looked upon as one of the coming men of the medical profession. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the staff of the Burbank Hospital of Fitchburg, the Worcester County North Medical Society, and the Fitchburg Medical Society, in which last named organization he serves as a member of the executive board. He is examiner and attending specialist for the United States Veteran's Bureau, is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion, the Honorably Discharged Italian Soldiers' and Sailors' Club and commander of same, and of Christopher Columbus Council, Order of Sons of Italy, also a member of Victor Emmanuel III Order. He is further a member of Framingham Lodge, No. 1264, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus; a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Order of Owls, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the New England Order of Protection. He is an active worker in the Boy Scout movement, and a council member of Fitchburg Camp. He is associate medical examiner for many of the above named orders. Dr. DeCicco plays golf, fishes, and hunts, finding recreation in all

outdoor sports. He is also a keen musician, radio fan, and interested in art.

Dr. DeCicco married, on June 12, 1920, Mabel Deschamps, of Framingham, Massachusetts, and they have two daughters, Bettina Marie, and Gloria Rose. Mrs. DeCicco's family have also played a prominent part in the wars of the United States. Her maternal grandfather served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865, and she had two brothers in the World War.

WILLIAM A. COGSWELL, SR.—Among the successful manufacturers of Worcester County who began at the bottom and by industry and thrift have made their way to a prominent place in the woolen manufacturing industry was William A. Cogswell, Sr., who was one of the organizers of the Belle Vue Mills Company, and at the time of his death, March 20, 1923, was treasurer of same. Mr. Cogswell began his association with the woolen manufacturing industry in the humble capacity of a cloth tacker, and after learning practically every process of the business, became one of the organizers of the prosperous concern in which he held the official position of treasurer. His success was well earned, and his career was one of which his children may well be proud.

Born in Trowbridge, England, September 10, 1848, son of Moses and Hannah Maria (Stevens) Cogswell, Mr. Cogswell came to this country with his parents when he was six years of age. The family settled in Laurel Hill (now a part of Harrisville), Rhode Island, and in the public schools of that district William A. received his education. When he was about thirteen years of age he began his active career, finding employment in the woolen mills in Harrisville, Rhode Island, where he worked as cloth tacker, receiving one dollar and twenty-five cents a week for his services. Some time later he was transferred to the carding room of a mill, and there he remained for several years. His next employment was secured in the Copeland Mill, at Glendale, Rhode Island, where he operated a spooling machine, but after a time he decided to return to Harrisville, and in the latter place he secured a position as spare hand in the weaving room of the Letear & Tinkham woolen mill. Here he soon became quite efficient in the art of weaving, and his pay was increased to twenty-eight dollars per month. After a time he was transferred to the dressing rooms, and at that time received another increase in pay, which raised his earning to the satisfactory sum of two dollars per day. Having become skillful in at least two of the processes involved in the manufacture of woolen goods, it was characteristic of the man that he was not content to settle down to mediocre achievement. He desired to advance still further and to become a loom fixer. In order to do this he resigned his position in the Letear & Tinkham mills and went to Stillwater, Rhode Island, where he entered the employ of Edward Brown, in whose mills he acquired the art of repairing looms. He then went to Westerly, Rhode Island, as a loom fixer, and though he was only nineteen years of age at the time, was placed in charge of the weaving department. He was still anxious to learn more, however, and after remaining in Westerly for a short time he went to Menda, Connecticut, and found employment there as a

loom fixer. Later, he widened his experience by a short period of service as loom fixer in one of the woolen mills of Glentown, New York, after which he returned to Menda, Connecticut, where he again found employment in the same capacity. His next position, still as loom fixer, was with the Rockville Manufacturing Company of Rockville, Massachusetts, from which place he went to West Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he found employment in the same capacity. He started the first ten looms for James Phillips, owner of the Beoli Mills, and he was placed in charge of the weaving department. He was about twenty-six years of age at this time, and he remained in the last named position for a period of eight years. At the end of that time he was placed in charge of Phillips' Worsted Mill at South Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and that important executive position he continued to fill until 1898, when the concern was purchased by the American Woolen Company. During the next three years Mr. Cogswell was interested in the Chapman double ball-bearing. At the end of that time, in 1902, he became one of the incorporators of the Belle Vue Mills Company at Clinton, Massachusetts. At the time of the organization J. Henry Pickford was made president; Walter Pickford, secretary, and Mr. Cogswell treasurer. The Belle Vue Mills began operations with twenty looms, but since that time the number has been more than doubled, fifty now being required to meet the increased demands of the business. Shortly after the mills were in operation the Pickfords sold their interests, and up to the time of Mr. Cogswell's death, March 20, 1923, the officials were: Charles B. Smith, president; William A. Cogswell, Jr., vice-president; William A. Cogswell Sr., treasurer; and Francis A. Cogswell, secretary. After the death of William A. Cogswell, Sr., Mrs. Cogswell was made treasurer, and his son, Francis A., assistant treasurer, and another son Ralph S., was elected to the board of directors. The concern is engaged in the manufacture of high-grade woolen dress goods and men's suitings, and is ranked as one of the large and successful establishments of the county.

Along with his busy life of hard work and successful achievement, Mr. Cogswell was always a lover of out-of-door sports, especially of baseball, and for many years he was locally well known as one of the most expert baseball players of the county. His religious affiliation was with St. John's Roman Catholic Church of Clinton. As a progressive citizen, as well as an eminently successful business man he was well known and highly esteemed among a host of personal friends and business associates. He was truly the "master of his own fate," and in the truest sense of the word a self-made man. His ability, his energy, and his willingness to work, and work hard, represented his total capital at the beginning of his career. That capital he invested freely and the returns have been large.

On November 28, 1878, William A. Cogswell, Sr., married Margaret E. Flynn, daughter of Dennis and Ellen (Burke) Flynn, of Prince Edward Island. Mr. and Mrs. Cogswell were the parents of six children: 1. William A., Jr., a sketch of whom follows. 2. Francis A. (q. v.). 3. Edgar J., who was born August 17, 1887; he received his early education in the parochial and public schools of Fitchburg, graduating from Fitchburg High School in 1905. He then entered Holy Cross

College, Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Upon the completion of his college course he was for about three years associated with his father at Belle Vue Mills, but at the end of that time he became identified with the Travelers' Insurance Company. He is now engaged in the insurance business in Clinton, Massachusetts. During the World War he enlisted June 23, 1918, and served until December 11, 1918, when he received his honorable discharge. 4. Clarence E., (q. v.). 5. Mary L., born August 11, 1893, resides at the home of her parents. 6. Ralph S., born November 27, 1896, he received his early education in the parochial schools of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and in St. John's High School in Worcester, Massachusetts. He then became a student in Holy Cross College, from which he was graduated in 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During the World War he was in service from August 28, 1918, to January 28, 1919. He is now in the employ of the Belle Vue Mills Company at Clinton, Massachusetts, and as above stated, was made a director of the company after the death of his father.

WILLIAM A. COGSWELL, JR.—Throughout the entire period of his active career and up to the time of his father's death, William A. Cogswell, Jr., was associated with his father in the Belle Vue woolen mills at Clinton, Massachusetts, and he is now vice-president of the Belle Vue Woolen Mills Company.

William A. Cogswell, Jr., was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, August 25, 1881, son of William A., Sr., and of Margaret E. (Flynn) Cogswell (see preceding sketch). He received his early education in the parochial schools of Fitchburg, and after spending two years as a student in the Fitchburg High School, matriculated in St. Anselm's College at Manchester, New Hampshire, where he remained for four years. He then entered St. Michael's College at Toronto, Canada, from which he was graduated in 1903. The following year he became a student in Holy Cross College, in Worcester, Massachusetts, and completed his course there in 1905. He then became associated with his father in the Belle Vue mills, and his connection with that plant has been maintained to the present time. He is rendering efficient service as vice-president of the company, in which the Cogswell family holds controlling interests.

Like his father, William A., Jr., is fond of out-of-door sports, and is interested in baseball. He is a member of the Runaway Brook Country Club and of the Prescott Club, and has a host of friends among whom he is very popular. Fraternally he is affiliated with Clinton Lodge, No. 1306, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Council No. 701, Knights of Columbus.

William A. Cogswell, Jr., married, on September 7, 1907, Martha Agnes Archambault, daughter of James R. and Cornelia (Williams) Archambault. Mr. and Mrs. Cogswell are the parents of one child, William A. (III), who was born August 19, 1908.

FRANCIS A. COGSWELL—Since the completion of his college course Francis A. Cogswell has been connected with the Belle Vue Mills Company, being secretary of same, and now, since the death of his father, he

is serving as assistant treasurer of the company. He is an able and energetic business man and is thoroughly familiar with the woolen manufacturing industry as represented in the Belle Vue mills.

Francis A. Cogswell was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, September 29, 1884, son of William A., Sr., and Margaret E. (Flynn) Cogswell (q. v.), and after attending the parochial school of that place for a few years, entered the Fitchburg High School, from which he was graduated in 1902. He then continued his studies in St. Anselm's College, at Manchester, New Hampshire, for a year, and at the end of that time entered St. Michael's College at Toronto, Canada, where he also remained for a year. The following fall he became a student in Holy Cross College, where he continued his studies until 1906. In that year he completed his course, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and became associated with his father in the Belle Vue mills at Clinton, Massachusetts, which connection he has maintained to the present time. He was made secretary of the company in 1910, and is an important factor in its continued development and prosperity. Although devoted to his business and his home, Mr. Cogswell finds time for fraternal and club affiliations. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of the Runaway Brook Country Club, and of the Prescott Club, and his religious affiliation is with St. John's Roman Catholic Church of Clinton.

Francis A. Cogswell married, on June 26, 1918, Marguerite F. Philbin, daughter of John J. and Margaret (Devaney) Philbin, and they are the parents of two children: Francis A., Jr., who was born November 12, 1919; and John J., who was born February 22, 1921.

CLARENCE E. COGSWELL—Another of the sons of William A., Sr., and Margaret E. (Flynn) Cogswell (q. v.), is Clarence E. Cogswell, who was associated with his father as assistant superintendent in the Belle Vue mills at Clinton. Clarence E. Cogswell was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, July 30, 1889, and after attending St. Bernard's Parochial School in Fitchburg entered the Fitchburg High School, from which he was graduated in 1909. The following fall he entered Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he continued his studies for four years, graduating in 1913. Since that time he has been associated with the woolen manufacturing industry in the Belle Vue mills. He is thoroughly familiar with the various processes of the industry as well as with the business management, and he is the efficient assistant superintendent of the mills. Like his brothers, who are mentioned in preceding sketches, he has proved himself a worthy son of his estimable father. He is a member of the Runaway Brook Country Club, and is a golf enthusiast, finding on the links healthful out-of-door exercise and social intercourse of a kind which he keenly enjoys. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, and his religious affiliation is with St. John's Roman Catholic Church of Clinton.

Clarence E. Cogswell married, on June 25, 1919, Annie W. O'Toole, daughter of John and Bridget (O'Malley) O'Toole. Mr. and Mrs. Cogswell are the parents of two children: Eleanor, who was born April 12, 1920; and Geraldine, who was born November 26, 1921.

HARVEY E. GREENWOOD—Long identified with the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company, Mr. Greenwood is now and has been for the past nine years associated with the management of the Lancaster Mills. His people are among the oldest inhabitants of Clinton, his grandfather having settled there in the early days of the town's history.

Mr. Greenwood was born in Clinton, July 25, 1885, son of Edward and Cecilia (Finnerty) Greenwood. His father has been for many years the head bookkeeper of the Clinton Trust Company and served the town during several successive terms as one of the selectmen.

Mr. Greenwood was educated in the public schools and entered the field of business immediately after his graduation from the Clinton High School. Having an analytical mind and a talent for details, he took advantage of an opportunity offered him by the Bigelow Carpet Company, afterwards known as the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company, and entered the service of this organization as a member of the business office staff. His progress was rapid, and the firm finally placed him in charge of the cost department. In 1914 Mr. Greenwood received an offer from the Lancaster Mills to join their staff as paymaster, and this position possessing many advantages that appealed to him, he gave up his connection with the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company and transferred his activities to the Lancaster Mills. The connection thus severed had covered eleven years of Mr. Greenwood's life, and his relations with the firm had always been of the most cordial and agreeable nature. Consequently, there was a great deal of regret on both sides at the parting. In his new position Mr. Greenwood continued his advancement, and four years after he joined the office force of the Lancaster Mills he was appointed to the position of office manager and has continued in charge of the office ever since.

In religious faith Mr. Greenwood is an attendant of the Congregational church. He is a Mason, and belongs to Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Clinton, of which he is a Past Master; to Clinton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a Past High Priest; also to Trinity Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar. He also belongs to the Prescott Club of Clinton.

Mr. Greenwood married, on October 15, 1907, at Clinton, Edna T. Alexander, daughter of Arthur L. and Margaret (Tennant) Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood have one daughter, Virginia M., who was born at Clinton, March 21, 1909.

CHARLES C. SANDERSON—One of the best known and most substantial citizens of Clinton, Massachusetts, whose official positions have kept him in the service of the public for many years, is Charles C. Sanderson, who has been Deputy Sheriff of Worcester County since 1910, continuously. Mr. Sanderson was born at Winhall, Vermont, March 29, 1858, a son of Dwight L. and Elvira (Stearns) Sanderson. His father was born at Chesterfield, New Hampshire, in 1822, and was engaged in the livestock business throughout his life, his death occurring in 1907. His mother was also a native of New Hampshire, she having been born at Hinsdale and lived to an advanced age, having died in 1918.

Mr. Sanderson was educated in the public schools of New Hampshire and then began his business career by connecting himself with the butchering trade, which he followed until 1881. In that year he came to Clinton to reside, and established himself as a meat dealer here, enjoying such success that he remained in that line until 1893. He then decided to make a change both of location and in his branch of merchandising, and accordingly went to Waterbury, Connecticut, where he set himself up in the clothing business. The following eight years were spent in building up a profitable trade in that line, but he found that residence in Clinton was more to his liking, and he therefore returned here and resumed his former connection with the meat business and conducted his shop until 1909, when he was appointed Chief of Police of Clinton and thus began his official career which he has followed ever since.

The following year, in 1910, Mr. Sanderson was first appointed as Deputy Sheriff, the position he now fills. During 1913 he again was made Chief of Police, and in 1914 was made a court officer for the Second District Court, and has discharged the duties of this position also up to the present time. In his political beliefs he is strongly in favor of Republican principles and gives to that party his support.

Throughout his life Mr. Sanderson has taken an active part in those projects which tended to promote the civic, social, and commercial welfare of this community, and is esteemed as one of Clinton's most progressive citizens. He is a large property holder here, having extensive real estate interests. The Prescott Club numbers him among its leading members.

In 1886 Mr. Sanderson was married to Ellen M. Fletcher, who was born in Boxboro, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson are members of the Unitarian church, to which they give liberal support in all ways.

JOHN D. HAMILTON—A progressive young business man who is associated with a leading mercantile enterprise in Clinton, Massachusetts, as manager, is John D. Hamilton, of the Barnes Dry Goods Company. Mr. Hamilton is one of this community's native sons, having been born here April 24, 1896, a son of John Hamilton, well known for his connection with the mercantile and textile industries here for many years.

After completing his studies in the high school of Clinton Mr. Hamilton at once entered commercial life in association with his father, who conducted a general store, and remained with him until 1919. He then went on the road as a salesman for two years, at the end of which period he returned to Clinton to become connected with the Barnes Dry Goods Company as manager, which position he now occupies. The Barnes Dry Goods Company is one of the old established mercantile enterprises of Clinton, having been founded in 1895 by Messrs. J. A. Barnes and John Hamilton. The store, which is one of the foremost of its kind in Clinton, carries a general line of dry goods and men's furnishings and caters to a large and firmly established clientele. The original partnership of the firm continued for several years, when Mr. Barnes purchased the interests of Mr. Hamilton, who retired, and Mr. Barnes became sole owner, continuing to conduct the store until his death in 1918. His sister, Miss Sarah Barnes, then took charge

of the business and successfully carried it on until 1921, when she secured Mr. Hamilton as an associate, and he has continued with the company ever since as manager.

Mr. Hamilton is an influential factor in the various phases of local affairs in the community; he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, being secretary of the commercial committee, and of the Clinton Historical Society. In his religious work he is affiliated with the Congregational church, is president of the Brotherhood Society of that denomination in Clinton, and superintendent of the Sunday school.

On April 19, 1921, Mr. Hamilton was married to Margaret Stone, who was born at Otter River, Massachusetts.

WALTER T. O'TOOLE is a native son of Clinton, Massachusetts, and has been identified with its commercial activities throughout his mature years, being a well-known factor in the real estate and insurance business there. He was born in Clinton, March 17, 1883, his parents natives of County Mayo, Ireland. His father, Patrick J. O'Toole, was a contracting mason in this community until his death in 1920. He was survived by his widow until February 18, 1923; both are buried in Clinton.

After finishing his studies in the public schools of Clinton Mr. O'Toole entered Holy Cross College, where he pursued a special course that terminated in 1909, after which he was a student at the Boston School of Journalism. His education completed, he identified himself with the insurance business for three years, and in 1913 added to his activities the management of a grocery store. He continued these two lines until 1916, when he became correspondent of the Worcester "Post," Worcester "Telegram," and Boston "American," carrying on this journalistic work for two years. In 1918 he reentered the insurance business and began operations as a real estate dealer, opening offices in the Long Block, where he now maintains headquarters and serves a profitable and constantly increasing clientele, his extensive acquaintance and knowledge of local affairs being a large contributing factor in his success.

Mr. O'Toole is a progressive and public-spirited citizen, and is prominent in social, civic, and religious movements. He is a communicant of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, to which he gives liberal support in its varied charities and benefactions; is a member of Clinton Chamber of Commerce; member and chairman of the board of directors of Clinton Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; member and a past officer of Clinton Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose. He is fond of walking as a recreation, loves good music, and can always be found at a good baseball game. He has built up a good business through his untiring efforts, seconded by a line of attractive, compelling advertising that demands you "See O'Toole First," and offers some good advice under the caption: "The Man in the Moon says." His always interesting advertising announcements are never unaccompanied by his picture, and are so original and well chosen that O'Toole is literally the "talk of the town."

DWIGHT S. PIERCE, as treasurer of the Worcester County Institution for Savings of Worcester, Massa-



Walter J. O'Toole.

chusetts, holds a broadly prominent and influential position in the world of finance in this city. A man of progressive spirit and tireless energy, he has won his way to his present position from the bottom of the ladder and is familiar with all departments of banking. He is a son of Harlan B. Pierce, who was born at West Boylston, Massachusetts, and was engaged as a traveling salesman until his death, which occurred in 1917. The mother, Marion E. (Pratt) Pierce, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and is a daughter of Samuel A. Pratt, noted in this city as the founder of the Protective Union, of which for more than half a century he was manager.

Dwight S. Pierce was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, April 26, 1885. His education was limited to the advantages of the public and high schools of this city, but with characteristic energy he entered the employ of the Central National Bank of Worcester, in the capacity of messenger. He remained with this institution until 1904, when he became identified with the Worcester County Institution for Savings, the largest savings bank in Massachusetts outside of Boston. Beginning as a clerk, Mr. Pierce worked his way through the various positions in the bank and was given constantly greater responsibilities until in 1919 he was made treasurer of the institution, which office he still ably fills. Mr. Pierce wrote an able and comprehensive article on the "History of Banking in Worcester," which appeared in the Worcester "Telegram," of June 11, 1922, celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of Worcester. Mr. Pierce is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and is prominent in various benevolent and uplifting activities. He is treasurer of the Worcester Historical Society, and treasurer of the Memorial Home for the Blind. His clubs include the Boston City Club, the Worcester Club, the Economic Club of Worcester, the Savings Bank Officers' Club, and the Worcester Country Club.

Mr. Pierce married, in 1906, Marcia V. Tillson, who was born in Macon, Georgia, and they have one son, Dwight Lindsay, born July 14, 1912.

LOUIS FELT SPAULDING—One of the leading concerns engaged in the manufacture of house fittings in Worcester County is the firm known as the Spaulding-Herrmann Manufacturing Company, Inc., of which Louis Felt Spaulding has been general manager since 1919. Mr. Spaulding is well known and highly esteemed in the city of Clinton, and is rendering valuable service to the firm with which he is associated.

Born in Milford, New Hampshire, October 12, 1867, Mr. Spaulding is a son of Charles Henry Spaulding, who was engaged as a blacksmith to the time of his death in 1904, and of Mary Kneeland (Felt) Spaulding, who died in 1918. Charles H. Spaulding was a native of Milford, New Hampshire, and Mary Kneeland (Felt) Spaulding was born in Peterboro, New Hampshire. Louis F. Spaulding received his education in the public schools of Milford, and upon the completion of his school training learned the trade of the cabinet maker, which he followed for a number of years. He then became a pattern maker, and in that business he continued until 1919, when he decided to engage in the manufacturing business for himself. He formed a corporation with

Charles C. Herrmann and Charles Henry Spaulding, under the firm name of Spaulding-Herrmann Manufacturing Company, Inc., of which he is general manager. The company began the manufacture of toys, but gradually, as the organization became established and the plant increased in efficiency, added a house fitting department. As time passed the latter department became most important and finally absorbed the full capacity of the plant. To-day the Spaulding-Herrmann Manufacturing Company, Inc., is one of the leading producers of house fittings in the county of Worcester, and its plant, which contains a working floor space of 6,500 square feet, requires the services of from twelve to sixteen employees.

Mr. Spaulding is a member of Benevolent Lodge, of Milford, New Hampshire; Free and Accepted Masons, and his religious interest is with the Congregational church of Lancaster, of which he is an attendant. He was for many years a member of the New Hampshire National Guard.

Louis Felt Spaulding married, on March 19, 1896, Lillie J. Anderson, who was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, daughter of William H. and Edna (Burt) Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding are the parents of four children: Dorothea Anderson, married Edgar N. Blood, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth; Charles Henry, a sketch of whom follows; Maurice Ellsworth, and Ruth Edna.

CHARLES HENRY SPAULDING—Among the well known business men of Clinton, Massachusetts, who are engaged in manufacturing is Charles Henry Spaulding, president of the Spaulding-Herrmann Manufacturing Company, Inc. The concern of which he is chief executive is engaged in the manufacture of house fittings, and is rated as one of the leading manufacturing concerns of its kind in the county.

Born in Milford, New Hampshire, August 14, 1898, son of Louis Felt (see preceding sketch) and Lillie J. (Anderson) Spaulding, Mr. Spaulding is a grandson of Charles Henry Spaulding, who died in 1904, and of Mary Kneeland (Felt) Spaulding. He received a good practical education in the public schools of Nashua, New Hampshire, and in the schools of Leominster and Lancaster, Massachusetts. He then further prepared for an active business life by taking a course in the Worcester Trade School. Upon the completion of his business course he took up mechanical drafting, and this line he followed until 1919, when he became associated with Charles C. Herrmann and Louis F. Spaulding in what is known as the Spaulding-Herrmann Manufacturing Company, Inc., which organization he serves as president. That official executive position he has held since the organization of the company, and under his able and energetic management the concern has met with remarkable success. Though only four years old it has already made for itself a place among the leading concerns of its kind in this section of the State. There is every prospect of an increasingly successful future.

Mr. Spaulding is well known among a large group of the business men of Clinton, and he also has a host of personal friends in Clinton and in the nearby towns. He is an attendant of the First Congregational Church, of Lancaster.

On August 14, 1922, Charles Henry Spaulding married Grace Woodward, a native of Framingham, Massachusetts, daughter of William E. and Abbie (Moulton) Woodward.

CHARLES C. HERRMANN—The Spaulding-Herrmann Manufacturing Company, Inc., of Clinton, is fortunate in its executive officials, all of whom are eminently able and efficient business men. The success of the enterprise which is being conducted under the name of the Spaulding-Herrmann Manufacturing Company, Inc., is due to the ability and energy of those who are directing its work, and of these Charles C. Herrmann is one of the most active.

Mr. Herrmann was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, July 9, 1889, son of Otto Herrmann, a native of Germany, who was engaged in the textile industry to the time of his death in 1917, and of Fredericke (Hertel) Herrmann, also a native of Germany, who is now living in Clinton. He received his early education in the public schools of Clinton, and then took a course in mechanical drafting in Worcester. Upon the completion of his education he engaged in mechanical drafting, in which line he continued until after the entrance of the United States into the World War. In 1918 he enlisted in the United States Army and served until after the signing of the armistice. He was discharged in 1918 with the rank of first-class private. Upon his return to civilian life he obtained employment with the Wickwire Steel Company of Clinton, where he remained but a short time. He then severed that connection in order to engage in business for himself as the associate of Louis F. and Charles H. Spaulding, under the firm name of Spaulding-Herrmann Manufacturing Company, Inc., at Clinton. This concern is engaged in the manufacture of house fittings, and has developed rapidly. Though but a few years have passed since its organization, it is already rated as one of the leading concerns of its kind in the country. To the ability of those who direct its affairs the concern owes its unusual success, and of these Mr. Herrmann is one of the most able and progressive.

He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of its sister organization, the order of Rebekahs. He is also a member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and his religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

WILLIAM H. MALONEY—Since 1902 Mr. Maloney has been associated with the E. F. Dodge Paper Box Company in Leominster, Massachusetts, and is to-day the secretary and treasurer of this large concern. He is a son of John and Annie (Donnelly) Maloney, the latter of whom was born in Westminster, Massachusetts. His father was engaged in the comb industry until retiring in 1918.

William H. Maloney was born at Leominster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, September 26, 1876, and received his education in the public schools here. He first learned the plumbing trade, but after four years of that work, in 1902, entered the paper box factory, where he engaged at work on a staying machine. By virtue of ability and ambition to rise in the business he has suc-

ceeded in securing his present important executive position with the corporation.

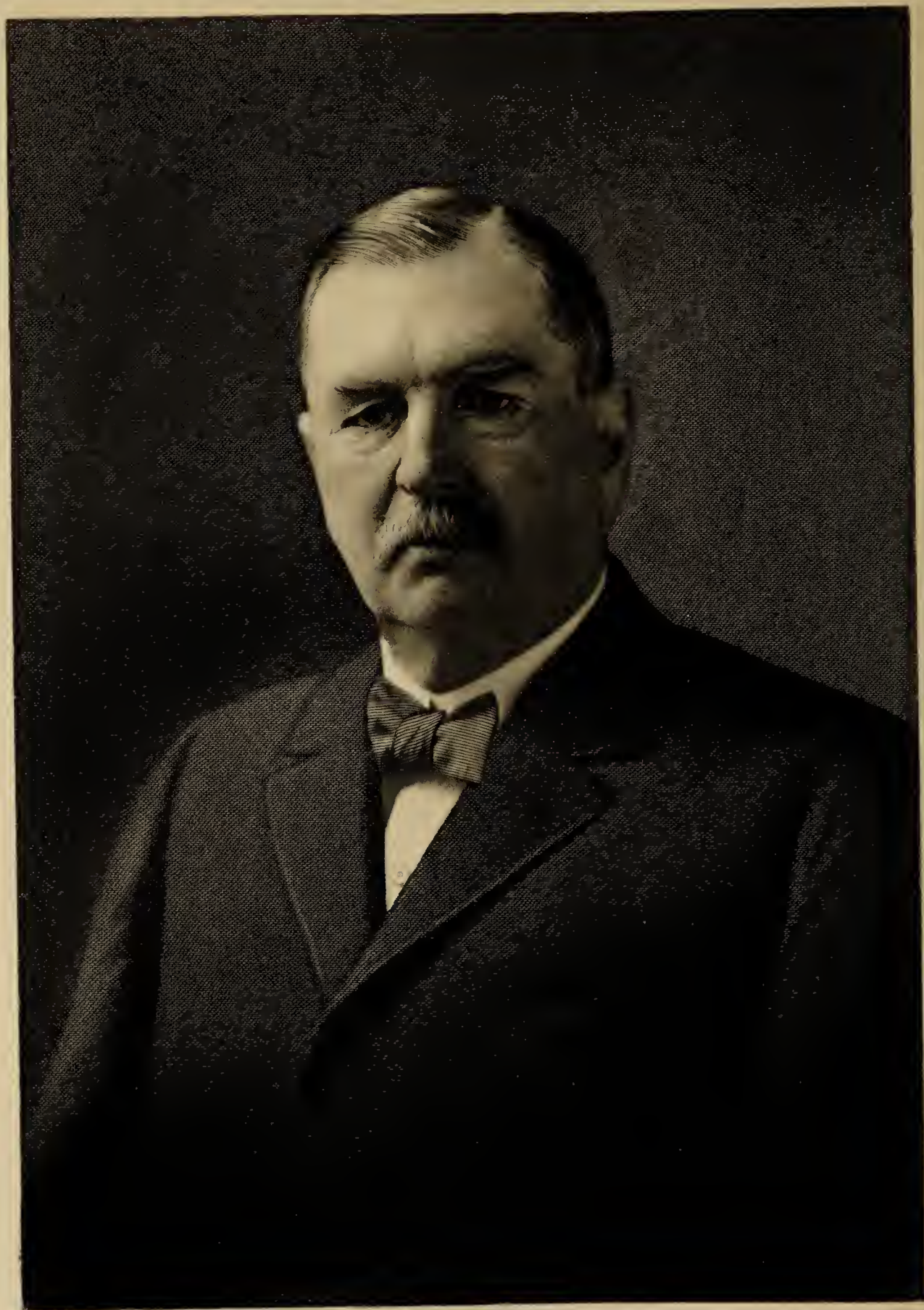
The E. F. Dodge Paper Box Company was established in 1857 by Mrs. E. F. Dodge. In 1911 the business was incorporated with the following as officers: Frank S. Farnsworth, president; W. H. Maloney, secretary and treasurer; Miss Mary O'Connell, vice-president. The concern occupies an important place industrially in Leominster, having a weekly output of 100,000 paper boxes, employing from sixty to one hundred persons and occupying six floors. The work is done by machinery and the boxes are both plain and fancy, printing being done where required.

Mr. Maloney is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, National Paper Box Association, and United Commercial Travelers' Association. He is a communicant of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church of this city.

Mr. Maloney was united in marriage, on August 31, 1909, with Nellie O'Connell, a native of Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts.

FRANK E. BILLINGS, well known in the industrial world of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, is counted among the successful and progressive men of the day, as treasurer and general manager of the Worcester Stamped Metal Company. A native of the State of Vermont and with a number of years of practical experience behind him, Mr. Billings has always taken a constructive and progressive part in the industrial life of the city. He is a son of Charles S. Billings, who was born at Montpelier, Vermont, in January, 1857, and died in January, 1884. The mother, Helen L. (Dennis) Billings, was born in Rutland, Vermont April 19, 1855, and is now a resident of Torrance, California.

Frank E. Billings was born in Bellows Falls, Vermont, October 31, 1881. Coming with his mother to Worcester in his boyhood, he was educated in the public and high schools of this city, and his first business experience was in the employ of the Harrington & Richardson Arms Company. Next he was with the Logan, Swift & Brigham Envelope Company, now a division of the United States Envelope Company of Worcester. In 1898 Mr. Billings became identified with Reed & Curtis in the capacity of a machinist's apprentice and, following his mastering of the trade of machinist and toolmaker, he continued with the same concern for a time, spending eight years in all in their employ. He then became connected with the Matthews Manufacturing Company of Worcester as a toolmaker, and continued there for a period of five years. In 1912 Mr. Billings became associated with the Worcester Stamped Metal Company (then called the W. & S. Manufacturing Company) in the capacity of superintendent, which office he filled for about five years. He then became financially interested in the business and has since held the offices of treasurer and general manager. The Worcester Stamped Metal Company was founded in 1883, under the title of the J. Fred Wilson Company and when George A. Smith later purchased an interest in the concern, the name became Wilson & Smith. In 1906 Harry R. Sinclair purchased Mr. Smith's interest and the firm name thereby became the W. & S. Manufacturing Company. In 1910 Mr. Sinclair became sole owner of the enter-



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prise, which was incorporated as the Worcester Stamped Metal Company and Mr. Billings has been treasurer of the corporation since its incorporation. This is one of the really prosperous and important organizations in its field in the city of Worcester, and is doing much for the industrial progress of that city. Mr. Billings is very prominent in the fraternal world of Worcester County. He is a member of Athelstan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Worcester Lodge of Perfection; Massachusetts Consistory; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Anchoria Lodge, No. 142, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Grand; Mt. Vernon Encampment, No. 53, of which he is Past Chief Patriarch; also of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, of which he was elected Grand Senior Warden in 1923. He is a charter member of Cherokee Tribe, No. 16, Improved Order of Red Men, and his clubs are the Kiwanis and the Worcester Country. A member of the First Church of Christ, of Worcester, he is active in the work of the church and serves as a deacon.

Mr. Billings married, October 26, 1904, Jennie S. Lobben, who was born in Worcester and is a daughter of Charles Lobben. Mr. and Mrs. Billings are the parents of two children: Mildred A., born in Worcester, Massachusetts, September 5, 1905; and Wayne E., born in Worcester, Massachusetts, July 9, 1910.

JOHN HUNTER GARDNER FRASER—A man who ever since he came to Clinton, Massachusetts, to reside in 1906 has taken an active interest in all phases of community life and is numbered among our most progressive young business men is John Hunter Gardner Fraser. Mr. Fraser is a native of Scotland, and was reared and educated in that country. His birth occurred at Glasgow, March 17, 1888, which city is also the native home of his mother, who was Margaret Hunter, and who is now living in Clinton. His father, George Fraser, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, followed the occupation of cabinet maker throughout his life, and died in Scotland in 1910. Mr. Fraser selected for his trade that of sheet metal worker, and in order to thoroughly master it he served a six-year apprenticeship in Scotland. In 1906, when a young man of eighteen years, he decided to seek the larger opportunities afforded the young man in this country and came to Clinton, Massachusetts, where he engaged in the sheet metal business as an employee. His work here was interrupted during the World War when he went to Squantum, Massachusetts, and was employed there by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in their large plant. When the war was over Mr. Fraser returned to Clinton and took up his sheet metal work. While still in Scotland he gained military training through four years' service in the Territorials, a military organization of that country, the period of his service covering one enlistment.

In 1921 Mr. Fraser established himself independently in the sheet metal business, and assisted by the reputation he gained through his previous years of work in this line the venture proved a great success. On April 1, 1923, Mr. Fraser formed a partnership with J. H. Hamilton, and removed to his present quarters. They do general sheet metal work and repairing of all kinds and also repair and rebuild cars, trucks, and tractor

radiators, every job they handle being turned out in the most workmanlike manner possible. Their shop is situated at No. 318 High Street, where they also maintain an office.

Mr. Fraser holds membership in some of the leading social organizations here, among which are the Prescott Club, and Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, belonging also to the chapter of that body. His religious affiliation is with the Clinton Congregational Church.

ELWIN L. THOMPSON, of Baldwinville, Massachusetts, is the son of Daniel and Sarah G. (Leathe) Thompson, the former a native of Phillipston, Massachusetts, and the latter of Royalston, Massachusetts. Daniel Thompson was a building contractor until 1853, when, with Sawyer, Thompson & Perley, he began the manufacturing of chairs. About 1871 Mr. Sawyer sold his interest in the business to Gilman Waite and the company became Thompson, Perley & Waite. This partnership continued until the death of Mr. Perley, when a part of the business was taken over by D. L. Thompson and his son, and the business was continued under the name of D. L. Thompson & Son until 1898, when the business was taken over by Allen, Thompson & Whitney. In 1899 this company was sold to E. L. Thompson & Company, this partnership continuing until 1922 and then sold to the E. L. Thompson Chair Corporation. Elwin L. Thompson retired from active business at this time.

Elwin L. Thompson was born May 22, 1855, at Baldwinville, Massachusetts, in the house in which he now lives. His education was obtained in the local public schools and at Wilbraham Academy, Wilbraham, Massachusetts. In 1883 he entered the factory of Thompson, Perley & Waite to learn the chair business, and in 1887, on the death of Mr. Perley, was taken into partnership with his father. In 1889 Daniel Thompson died and E. L. Thompson was sole owner until 1898. He is a director in the First National Bank of Gardner, Massachusetts, also president of the Baldwinville Coöperative Bank, and one of the incorporators of the latter. A Republican in politics, he was elected to serve as representative from the Second Worcester District, the term beginning January 3, 1923. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of the Blue Lodge of Gardner, also a member of the Gardner Boat Club.

Mr. Thompson was united in marriage at Baldwinville, September 3, 1878, with Abbie J. Hill, a daughter of Almon S. and Martha M. Hill. They have one daughter, Marion Jessie, born May 10, 1882, whose marriage to William Pope Hawley, of Malden, occurred October 28, 1903. They have three children: Helen Thompson, Ruth Talbot, and William Henry.

RACHEL ENZA OBERSHAW—One of the most attractive little shops of Leominster, Massachusetts, is the Obershaw stationery store, where a comprehensive stock of all that pertains to the art of writing and drawing can be reasonably and conveniently obtained. As founder and proprietor of this enterprise, Rachel E. Obershaw is bearing a definitely useful part in the welfare of the community and is winning marked success.

Miss Obershaw was born at Leominster, Massachu-

setts, and is a daughter of Joseph and Alice (Tenney) Obershaw. She is a graduate of the Leominster grammar schools, but following her first year at high school she entered Fitchburg Business College, where she completed a comprehensive and practical commercial course. Miss Obershaw's first business experience was in the employ of the firm of Boutwell & Company, in the capacity of bookkeeper. Forming this affiliation in the year 1911, she continued in the same capacity for about eight years. Then in 1919 she purchased the retail department of Boutwell & Company, which she has since conducted independently under the title of The Stationery Shop. About a year later Miss Obershaw became a shareholder and the secretary of the firm of Boutwell, Owens & Company, Incorporated, which succeeded Boutwell & Company, but in 1921 severed her connections with the corporation. During this entire time the stationery shop flourished and grew under Miss Obershaw's constant attention, and it has now come to be considered as one of the permanent institutions of the community. For eight years Miss Obershaw was also active as the originator and publisher of "Ray's Guide," the first local railway and street guide of Leominster and vicinity, which she established in 1912. In October, 1921, she sold this guide to Clarence M. Kline.

Miss Obershaw is deeply interested in all public and benevolent advance, and while she takes no active part in public affairs, lends her influence to all endeavors which count for civic prosperity.

EZRA O. WEDGE—Almost the entire commercial life of Mr. Wedge has been associated in a prominent way with light and power companies in several States, and at the present time is with the Leominster Gas Light Company and the Leominster Electric Light and Power Company, with both of which he occupies the position of manager.

Mr. Wedge is a son of Hiram B. and Hattie L. (Burdick) Wedge, both of whom are deceased. Hiram B. Wedge was born June 5, 1848, at Fairfax, Vermont, and was engaged as a building contractor until his death in May, 1914. He was active in building the Southeastern Railway, a branch of the Canadian Pacific; Deputy Sheriff, School Commissioner of Montpelier, Vermont, the last ten years of his life; an active member of the Masons for more than twenty years, and was a Civil War veteran. He served in Company I, 8th Regiment, Vermont Infantry, with the rank of private, and was wounded in the battle of Cedar Creek during the Civil War. He was a member and Past Commander of Brooks Post, No. 13, Grand Army of the Republic, of Montpelier, Vermont. His widow was born at Westford, Vermont, April 14, 1849, and died October 1, 1921.

Ezra O. Wedge was born at Lowell, Vermont, June 4, 1867, where he received an education in the public schools. His first business experience was secured in the granite business at Montpelier, Vermont, where he remained for three years, then entered the employ of the Montpelier Gas Light Company, and four years later went with the new company, the Consolidated Light and Gas Company, its successor. At the close of his thirteen years of service with that company he was its assistant manager. In 1910 he moved to The Dalles, Oregon, to take up the duties of manager of the Pacific

Power and Lighting Company, remaining a short time before being transferred to Walla Walla, Washington, where he acted in the same capacity. He was then transferred, in 1913, to Sweetwater, Texas, as vice-president and general manager of the West Texas Electric Company, and remained there until 1914, when illness forced him into retirement for three years. Upon regaining his health he accepted, in 1917, the position which has continued to occupy his attention in Leominster.

Fraternally he is a Mason, being a member of that order of all bodies of the York Rite, including the Shrine, is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Masonic Club, and the Chamber of Commerce, being a director of the latter. He served four years, from 1887 to 1891, with the Vermont Volunteer Militia, Company H, 1st Regiment, and was discharged with the rank of corporal. In religion, he is a member of the Leominster Episcopal Church.

Mr. Wedge married, October 27, 1888, Alice B. George, a native of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Their children are: 1. Ula S., who married Samuel W. Nunn, and has one child, A. Ezra John Nunn. 2. Frank H., who has one child, A. Theodore G. Wedge. 3. Hiram E.

CHARLIE H. DAVIS—In his special line of work as civil and hydraulic engineer Mr. Davis has had wide experience with many concerns as well as municipalities, and has met with success in each instance. He is at present owner of the business formerly known as Pratt & Davis, in the city of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. His parents were Horace W. and Mary Ann (Clafin) Davis, both of whom were natives of Northfield, Vermont.

Charlie H. Davis was born May 2, 1871, at Northfield, Vermont, where he received his primary education in the public schools, graduating from the high school, and then entered Norwich University and was graduated with the degree of Civil Engineer. For one year following his graduation he was employed in the engineer department of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, and an equal period with the Worcester Consolidated Company on foundation work, then spent two years with Parker and Bateman, of Clinton, Massachusetts. After this for twelve years he was associated with Arthur W. Woods, a civil engineer, in charge of the field work. He was later engaged in road construction with the Massachusetts Highway Commission and remained at that for a year, coming to Fitchburg in 1913 to take charge of the office of Pratt & Davis (the last named a brother). After three years in this connection, he left to occupy the position of engineer and superintendent for D'Onfro Brothers, contractors, with whom he continued for two years. Then in 1921 he bought out the firm of Pratt & Davis and continues to manage this business.

Mr. Davis is a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Kiwanis Club of Fitchburg, and president of the New Hampshire-Vermont Club (1924). He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular United States Army upon his graduation from Norwich University, but was not appointed. His church membership is in the Congregational denomination.

He married Ina A. Blanchard, a native of Brookfield,

Vermont, and they are the parents of five children, who are as follows: Ruth Ina, wife of Mr. Cutting; Ethel May, Allen Charlie, Edith Caroline, and Marion Elizabeth.

DAVID W. KENNEDY, one of the leading figures of Dana, Massachusetts, is widely known as owner and proprietor of one of the most important hotels of this section, and in his capacity as host of this house he is known to the traveling public as a genial and broadly public-spirited man, always alert to the interests of the day and always prepared to encourage any advance effort in whatever field of activity. Mr. Kennedy is a son of John and Ann Nora (Normile) Kennedy, both natives of Ireland, who settled in West Brookfield, Massachusetts, upon coming to America. John Kennedy was a stone mason by trade and was active in that line of endeavor in Ireland for a time, then followed it for several years after coming to America. He then bought a farm in West Brookfield which he conducted until his death. The mother is also deceased.

David W. Kennedy was born at West Brookfield, Massachusetts, January 24, 1860. His education was received in the local public schools and he was active even during his school days on the farm, taking care of the many odd jobs which always fall to the lot of the farmer boy. At the age of fifteen years Mr. Kennedy left home and for about a decade went about from place to place, as the fancy took him, and worked in different lines of business in many different points. He then entered the employ of a contracting company, but this kept him changing about more or less and not long after his marriage he severed his connections with this concern and settled at the last point where he was active in their employ, this being Athol, Massachusetts. He secured a position in the Athol Theatre and was thus engaged for a period of eleven years, after which he went to North Dana, Massachusetts, and there purchased a hotel property and conducted the interest for nearly ten years. He also purchased a hotel in Dana, but rented the property to another proprietor and went to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was active for one year along similar lines of effort. Then returning to Dana, he took over his hotel property and has since conducted it himself, personally managing the business. Mr. Kennedy's appreciation of the needs and tastes of the traveling public give him large ability in his present line of business, and this hotel is widely sought by tourists from a distance as well as by the general run of travel familiar with this locality. He is numbered among the largely successful men in this field in this part of Worcester County, and in local affairs as well as among the guests of this house he is highly esteemed both as a man and a citizen. He has always supported the Democratic party in political matters, but votes independent of his party when he feels that the public welfare will thereby be advanced. He has never cared to take a leading part in public affairs, and has never permitted his name to be brought forward as a candidate for any elective office. Fraternally Mr. Kennedy is affiliated with the American Order of Foresters, of Athol, and Springfield Lodge, No. 61, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Kennedy married, June 23, 1890, at Ware, Massachusetts, Mary Boyce, daughter of John Boyce, a native of Ireland. Mrs. Kennedy died at Dana, Massachusetts, November 10, 1922.

HOWARD W. COTTON, prominent in the business world of Northern Worcester County, Massachusetts, as a merchant of Dana, Massachusetts, is a noteworthy figure in the local progress, and is taking a definite part in the general welfare and advance of this section. Coming of an old Connecticut family, Mr. Cotton is a son of Charles H. and Elizabeth J. (Welles) Cotton, his mother also a member of an old and distinguished New England family. Charles H. Cotton is a prominent contractor and farmer of East Windsor, Connecticut, a man of large business ability, successful and esteemed in the community and interested in all that counts for business advance.

Howard W. Cotton was born at West Hartford, Connecticut, March 17, 1881. He received his early education in the local public schools and after two years' attendance at the West Hartford High School, he struck out in the world of men of affairs, taking up farming, which he followed for two years in the employ of prominent farmers of that section. Thereafter for five years Mr. Cotton conducted a rural free delivery route, then was made Postmaster of Windsorville, Connecticut, where he had resided during the period of his activity as a mail carrier. In the year 1917 he removed to Dana, Massachusetts, where he has since conducted a general store with large success, and he is now Postmaster of this town. He has won a position of prominence in the community and commands the highest esteem and confidence of the entire town. Public-spirited and in every way interested in the general progress, Mr. Cotton bears a part in every worthy movement and supports the Republican party. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the American Order of Foresters, and the Fraternal Benefit Society, all of East Windsor, Connecticut, and he is a member of the Odd Fellows and Foresters clubs. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

Howard W. Cotton married, in New York City, January 1, 1914, Alma Ruth Joyner, daughter of Frank L. and Ruth (Clark) Joyner. Mr. and Mrs. Cotton are the parents of four children: Ruth E., born in 1915, now in the third grade in the primary school, in Dana, Massachusetts; Gladys V., born in 1916; Arline F., born in 1920; and Barbara, born January 1, 1922.

MORRIS H. MARCY—A leading figure in insurance circles in Southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, is Morris H. Marcy, of Southbridge, who has for many years been active in the insurance field and is counted among the most successful men in this branch of economic advance in this part of Worcester County. Mr. Marcy is a son of Morris H. Marcy, who was born at Union, Connecticut, and was active as a traveling salesman until his death, which occurred in 1896. The mother, Mattie J. (Miller) Marcy, was born in Woodstock, Connecticut, and still survives her husband.

Morris H. Marcy, son of these parents, was born at Union, Connecticut, November 23, 1879. His educa-

tion was begun in the public schools of his birthplace, and he covered the high school course at Hartford, Connecticut. On completing his education Mr. Marcy became interested in farming, and for five years followed this general line of activity, then in 1903 entered the insurance business. At that time he became a partner in the firm of E. M. Phillips & Son Company, of Southbridge, Massachusetts, and was active in this connection until the year 1909, when he sold his interest in this business and established himself under his own name. With offices at No. 103 Main Street, Southbridge, he has since been continuously active in insurance advance, and is agent for thirty different insurance companies. He is now the oldest active insurance agent in Southbridge in point of consecutive advance in this general field. Mr. Marcy's contribution to various branches of community and fraternal progress have for years been materially significant. He served for two years as a member of Company K, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, during the World War, and was very active in all home war endeavors. A prominent member of the Free and Accepted Masons, he is affiliated with all the Scottish Rite bodies up to and including the thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Southbridge Club and attends the Baptist church.

JOHN H. BRODERICK, JR.—To have established a business with a little nine-foot frontage for headquarters and developed within ten years to an enterprise doing over \$120,000 worth of business as has John H. Broderick, Jr., cannot but win the admiration and respect of the community in which it is accomplished. Mr. Broderick is a native of Manchester, New Hampshire, where he was born November 9, 1874. His father was born in the town of Church, Lancashire, England, and was engaged in the textile industry the greater part of his life. He came to the United States early in life, and was for forty-five years with the Lancaster Mills of Clinton. His mother, in maidenhood Elizabeth Huskie, was born in Melbourne, Canada, January 10, 1852, and died in 1910.

After completing his studies in the public schools Mr. Broderick secured a position in the Lancaster Mills, where his father was also employed, and remained with the company for a period covering twenty-two years. He then decided to make a change in his line of work and secured a position with the Adams Garage, which he retained for one year, and then went into business for himself by establishing the Broderick Tire Service Station, this was in 1912. At first he occupied a small place with but nine feet of frontage, and did only vulcanizing, but he built carefully on a firm foundation of highest class work in all he did, and as the reputation of the shop grew, additions were made to services rendered, and a stock of accessories added until now this is the largest place of the kind in Clinton. The business is now located in quarters with a fifty-foot frontage, and occupies two floors of the building, which is at the corner of Water and Main streets. While Mr. Broderick's first year's business was only \$1,736 gross, he now carries a large line of tires and automobile accessories, as well as an oil storehouse of about 8,000 square feet of space, and in 1921 made \$108,000 worth of gross sales. His line of tires includes all the popular makes, such as Diamond, Goodyear, Goodrich, Fisk, United States, and

Kelly-Springfield. He also maintains a completely equipped service and repair shop, his operations in this line being extensive.

As a leading business man of Clinton Mr. Broderick takes an active interest in social, civic, and religious affairs, and is a prominent member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while his religious affiliation is as a communicant of St. John's Roman Catholic Church. His favorite recreation is touring.

John H. Broderick, Jr., was united in marriage, in 1902, with Annie Kerrigan, a native of Louisburg, County Mayo, Ireland, and of this union seven children have been born, their names being: William Robert, Anna Elizabeth, George, Mary, Alice, James, and John (3).

FRANK GORDON (F. GORDON) HAFF—

Among the progressive and enterprising manufacturing executives of Southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, Frank Gordon Haff, of Southbridge, is a noteworthy figure, his position as treasurer of the Southbridge Foundry Company, Incorporated, giving him a leading place in local industrial advance. Mr. Haff is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, and has had extensive experience in the general field of endeavor in which he is now active, this experience contributing in a marked degree to his usefulness in his present position and to his success. He is a son of Frank Haff, who was born in Wisconsin and became a noted lawyer of his day in Kansas City, but died in the prime of life, in the year 1882. The mother, Laura J. (Bissell) Haff, was born at Rome, New York, and still survives the husband and father.

Frank Gordon Haff was born at Kansas City, Missouri, July 4, 1880. His education was begun in the public schools of New York State, where the family later resided, and he completed his studies at St. John's Academy, in Manlius. He then learned the trade of brass and copper smelting, and went forward along this line until the year 1922, when he located in Southbridge, Massachusetts, and became affiliated with Frank S. Mills, of this place, in the establishing of the Southbridge Foundry Company, Incorporated. The business is located on Worcester Street, and the concern manufactures a general line of gray iron castings, such as are in universal demand in the industries. This is the only foundry in Southbridge and occupying 35,000 square feet of floor space, they employ about twenty men. The personnel of the corporation is as follows: Frank S. Mills, president and general manager; M. E. Mills, clerk; and Frank Gordon Haff, treasurer. Mr. Haff is a member of the Manufacturers' Association of Southbridge, and is prominent in many branches of community effort. As a young man Mr. Haff served three enlistments in the 1st Regiment, New York National Guard, his period of service reaching from the year 1902 to 1911 inclusive, and received his honorable discharge from the service with the rank of sergeant. Fraternally Mr. Haff is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, but otherwise has few interests outside of his work. He is affiliated with the Congregational church.

Mr. Haff married, in 1918, in Stamford, Connecticut, Mary Miller, who was born in New York City, daughter of Nathan Holmes and Addie Louise (Jones) Miller, and they reside at No. 60 Dresser Street, Southbridge.



John H. Broderick Jr.

EDWARD F. DAKIN—In mercantile circles in Southbridge, Massachusetts, Mr. Dakin is widely known, his interests as a newsdealer giving him a very extensive acquaintance among the people of this community. He has been active in this line for thirty-seven years, and is now one of the most important men in this field in Southern Worcester County. He is a son of Ephraim Dakin, who was born at Concord, Massachusetts, and was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1898. Ephraim Dakin was also widely known as a manufacturer of pumps. The mother, Mary F. (Cozzins) Dakin, died in 1902.

Edward F. Dakin was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, April 30, 1860. Receiving his early education in the local public schools and later attending the Southbridge High School, he made special preparation for his business career at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, in Boston. The first two years of his business experience were spent in the employ of the American Optical Company, in Southbridge, then he went West and for about a year and a half remained in California. Upon his return East Mr. Dakin was active as a bookkeeper in Boston for about a year and a half, then once more returning to Southbridge permanently, he again became affiliated with the American Optical Company in the capacity of boss shipper. This position Mr. Dakin filled for eighteen years. In 1886, while still employed in the American Optical Company, he established his present business, and beginning in a small way, he shortly developed a thriving interest in the newspaper business. Giving his closest attention to the wants of his customers and always meeting the trade with characteristic cordiality, he won large success. From time to time he added new lines to the business, and has now for some years been a leading dealer in tobacco, candies, ice cream, and soft drinks. In 1914 the business was incorporated as the E. F. Dakin Company, Incorporated, Mr. Dakin becoming president; William C. Flood, secretary and treasurer; and Ida H. Dakin, vice-president. Mr. Dakin is affiliated with the Southbridge National Bank as a director, and is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias. The interests of his leisure include membership in the Southbridge and Quinebaug clubs. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Dakin married, in 1883, Ida Hamilton, of Ogdensburg, New York.

DEAN R. SPINDEL—After an alternating experience as shoe manufacturer and proprietor of a meat and grocery business, Dean R. Spindel is now successfully operating a prosperous meat and grocery business of his own at No. 46 Main Street, in Milford, Massachusetts. Nathaniel Spindel, father of Mr. Spindel, was the son of a Baptist minister, and throughout his career was devoted to literary pursuits. He married Mary Sears, a direct descendant of Luther Sears, of "Mayflower" fame, and they were the parents of eight children: Willard, Theodore, George, Dean, of further mention; Lydia, Emily, Anne, and Elmira.

Dean R. Spindel, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Sears) Spindel, was born in Milford, Massachusetts, September 23, 1873, and received his education in the local public schools. After the completion of his high school course

he learned the shoe manufacturing trade in Milford, and continued in that line of activity until 1895, when he formed a partnership with Fred L. Day and engaged in the meat business. Eight years later he sold out his interest in the concern and returned to the shoe manufacturing industry. This time he continued to make shoes for thirteen years, during which time he accumulated sufficient capital to again venture into business for himself. In March, 1916, he established a meat and grocery enterprise of his own at No. 46 Main Street, and since that time the business has been steadily growing. First-class quality of goods, together with sound business methods constantly brings new patrons, and Mr. Spindel's most efficient advertising medium is the rapidly enlarging group of his satisfied customers.

Politically Mr. Spindel gives his support to the Republican party, and he is actively interested in local public affairs in Milford. He has served as Selectman, and few projects planned for the advancement of the public welfare fail to secure his earnest support. Fraternally he is affiliated with Montgomery Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Milford; with Milford Lodge, No. 628, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Milford Lodge, Royal Order of Moose. His religious affiliation is with the Universalist church.

Dean R. Spindel married, in Milford, Massachusetts, June 7, 1896, Margaret Jones, daughter of Patrick and Margaret (Kelly) Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Spindel have no children.

EDWARD J. KEHOE—At the head of one of the widely important commercial enterprises of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, Edward J. Kehoe is taking a useful and practical part in the business life of this section in the distribution of new and used automobiles, representing some of the leading makes in his principal sales department. Mr. Kehoe is a native of the State of New Jersey, and a member of a family long prominent in business affairs in that State and in New York City. His father, Edward J. Kehoe, was born in Darlington, New Jersey, and was one of the early electrical engineers of that State, doing much for the advance of electrical engineering in the early days of its history. He was a veteran of the Civil War and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic until his death, which occurred in 1886. The mother, Margaret (Rusher) Kehoe, was born in New York City, and died in 1882.

Edward J. Kehoe was born in Darlington, New Jersey, April 19, 1878. His early education was received in the public schools of New York City, and he prepared for his career with a course at Eastman's Business College, of New York City. His first business experience was in the same city, in the real estate field, and he continued in this connection for a period of eleven years. He then became identified with the automobile business, still in New York City, and was engaged along this line until the year 1913, when he came to Worcester, Massachusetts. Here he opened up the district of Worcester County for the Reo car, and with such marked success that he became a noted figure in automobile circles in the State of Massachusetts. Going into business for himself in 1915, Mr. Kehoe handled a line of used cars for about two years, then in 1918 accepted the position of manager for the Worcester district of the Packard

interests, and in this connection also his ability and initiative counted both for the extensive distribution of this individual car and for the advance and development of the general interest in automobiles. In 1919 Mr. Kehoe established the present enterprise, under the firm name of the E. J. Kehoe Company, Inc., the officers of the concern being as follows: Edward J. Kehoe, president and general manager; Clara E. Kehoe, treasurer; and George H. Humphrey, secretary. This organization opened its history as agents for the Standard Eight motor cars and high grade used cars, with headquarters at No. 182 Commonwealth Street, Worcester. With steadily increasing prosperity they gained a leading position in the automobile world of Worcester, and early in 1923 they extended the scope of their activities, taking over the agencies for the Hudson and the Essex cars. As the leading spirit in this enterprise, Mr. Kehoe holds a foremost position in commercial circles in the city of Worcester, and is an influential member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He is prominent fraternally as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is well known as a member of the Commonwealth Club. He attends the Presbyterian church.

Edward J. Kehoe married, on December 6, 1900, Clara E. Wilder, daughter of Jonas W. Wilder, who was affiliated with Ebenezer Butterick, of New York City, in the founding of the Butterick Publishing Company. Mr. Kehoe has one daughter: Edna Claire, now the wife of Frederick Hardy, of Worcester, Massachusetts.

H. ELMER WHITE—In the construction world of Worcester County, Massachusetts, H. Elmer White holds a position of large prominence as manager of construction for the Miner Building Company, in which he is financially interested, and with which he has been connected for about thirteen years. A native of the State of Maine, Mr. White has been engaged in construction activities for about thirty-seven years, and with his broad experience and practical ability his work is now counting largely for the progress and permanent stability and prosperity of the city and vicinity.

Mr. White is a son of Henry H. White, who was born at Addison, Maine, and in early life was a blacksmith. Later he followed the sea for a few years and then became a carpenter. He was for many years superintendent of a contracting business. In his later life he was for a number of years engaged in the retail grocery business in Revere, Massachusetts. His death, which occurred in Worcester in 1915, removed from the community a useful and respected citizen. The mother, Betsey S. (Nash) White, was born at Columbia, Maine, and died in 1914.

H. Elmer White was born in the town of Addison, Maine, one of the picturesque coast villages of Washington County, April 19, 1862. Receiving a thorough grounding in the essentials of education at the local public schools, the young man followed the sea for ten years after completing his studies. In the year 1886 he located at Boston, where he secured a position as a carpenter's apprentice, in the employ of the firm of O. H. Drisko & Company, of that city. He remained with this concern for a period of eight years, then, in 1894,

came to Worcester to become associated with the Central Building Company in the capacity of superintendent. Continuing with this concern until 1912, he then formed his present affiliation, becoming manager of construction for the Miner Building Company as before stated. He also purchased an interest in the business, and as a stockholder and director of the company has since borne a definite and progressive part in their advance. Mr. White is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and of the Master Builders' Association, and takes a deep interest in all progressive effort, especially in his own field of endeavor. Fraternally he is identified with Tuscan Lodge, No. 106, Free and Accepted Masons, of Addison, Maine, but otherwise has few interests outside his work. The family are members of the Baptist church.

H. Elmer White married, on August 19, 1888, Alice A. Crowley, who was born at Addison, Maine, and they are the parents of four children: Milton E., Marion E. (Mrs. Everett D. Maynard); Marjorie E., married Robert L. Martin and has four children; and Mildred E.

KENNETH L. MORSE—Mr. Morse, who now holds a foremost position in the economic advance of Worcester County as general agent for the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company in the city of Worcester and its environs, is a man of broad public experience and keen business ability. Of Vermont nativity and a descendant of old New England pioneer ancestry, Mr. Morse is a son of Sidney and Emma (Stetson) Morse.

Kenneth L. Morse was born at Thetford, Vermont, September 5, 1882. His early education was received in the public and high schools of his birthplace. He later entered Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1902, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, then, after a post-graduate course, he received the degree of Master of Arts from the same institution in 1903. For fourteen years Mr. Morse was active as an educator, teaching school in various towns and cities of New England; then, in 1917, he became associated with the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston. His first affiliation with this concern was as manager of the North Worcester district, then, in 1921, in association with his present partner, Robert C. Hunt, he was appointed general agent of the company. The New England Mutual Life Insurance Company is so widely known that perhaps a resumé of its purposes and scope are unnecessary in this connection. In a record such as is comprised in this work, which goes back to the fundamental period of the various phases of business and finance, it is of interest to inscribe the original thought or motive of the founders of any important economic movement. From the early annual reports of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, the attitude of the founders and their forward look towards the security of the home and the community is well expressed. In the first annual report of the company, issued December 2, 1844, appears the words of the president, Judge Willard Phillips, LL. D., a graduate of Harvard University:

It has been the endeavor of every one concerned in the management of the affairs of the Company to represent the subject in its true light, and not to excite

overweening expectations, nor encourage the notion that such an institution offers to its members the means of speculation. The object is equality among the members, and a participation of the advantages of the Company, whatever they may be, in the proportion of the amounts contributed; and it is no part of the plan that some shall be benefited at the expense of others.

From the second annual report, issued December 1, 1845, President Phillips is again quoted:

The great object in our association is the common and equal benefits of all the associates, which is to be attained by a just rate and apportionment of premiums; a fair, discriminating, and vigilant discretion in taking risks; a discreet economy in expenditures, and a judicious management and investment of the funds.

From the third annual report, issued December 7, 1846, the following is quoted:

The Directors in this, their Third Annual Report, have again the satisfaction of exhibiting to the members the continued prosperous condition of the Company. The institution is a trust, jointly maintained by the insured members, wholly for their own general benefit, and is administered exclusively with that object. In its progress hitherto, the anticipations of its friends as to its useful and beneficent operations have been fully realized, while the most satisfactory indications are given of the steady future extension of its benefits.

Not only as representative of this great concern, but as an individual and citizen, Mr. Morse is highly esteemed in the city of Worcester, and is counted among the thoroughly progressive men of the day. Fraternally he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in political matters he supports the principles and policies of the Republican party. He attends the Unitarian church.

Mr. Morse married, on August 7, 1910, Mary Skinner, daughter of Edward P. and Charlotte Mitchell Skinner, and they are the parents of two children: Richard Stetson, born August 19, 1911; and Elizabeth L., born October 11, 1917.

ULRIC BRAULT, a well known figure in the public life of Southbridge, Massachusetts, for the past three years has served this community as Chief of Police, and both in his official capacity and as a citizen is highly esteemed by all the people. Mr. Brault is a native of Canada and a son of David Brault, who was born at St. Valentine, Canada, and was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1916. He was a man of progressive spirit and the highest integrity, and coming to Southbridge in middle age, spent his remaining years in this community, where he became a highly esteemed citizen. The mother, Elise (Blais) Brault, was also born at St. Valentine, Canada, and still survives her husband.

Ulric Brault was born at St. Blaise, Canada, November 6, 1889. His education was begun in the public schools of his birthplace and was completed in the parochial school of Southbridge, where the family had meanwhile removed. His first experience in the world of industry was in the employ of the Hamilton Woolen Company, of Southbridge, where he remained for a period of eight years, thereafter for about two years he was engaged at carpenter work, then identified himself with the police force of Southbridge. His natural ability and devotion to duty were the means of his advance in this connection, and in 1920 he was made Chief of Police

of Southbridge, and has filled this important office of the public trust continuously since. A man of lofty ideals and unfailing loyalty to his civic responsibilities, Chief Brault has done much to improve conditions in Southbridge and to increase the efficiency of the force. During the World War he enlisted, on October 4, 1917, in the United States Army Military Police and was sent overseas on July 8, 1918. He served for almost precisely one year with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, and upon his return to America received his honorable discharge from the service on July 16, 1919. He is a member of the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Societe St. Jean Baptiste. He is an influential member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce, and is interested in all that pertains to the local advance. His chief recreative interest is in athletics and he was formerly professional lightweight wrestling champion of New England (1912). He attends the Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church, of Southbridge.

Mr. Brault married, on May 24, 1920, Bertha Labrie, who was born in Montreal, Canada.

AARON AVERY (A. AVERY) WHITE, a member of an old family of Massachusetts, and a great-grandchild of Rev. Joseph Avery, pastor of the Congregational church in Holden, Massachusetts, for about fifty years, has become well known in Worcester County. In various lines of effort Mr. White has long been prominent in the city of Worcester, and his activities have counted very definitely for the general advance. He is a son of Rev. William J. White, who was born in Boylston, Massachusetts, and was active as a clergyman, and in other fields of Christian work until his death, which occurred in 1899. The mother, Harriet Reed Ames White, was born in West Boylston, Massachusetts, and died in Worcester.

Mr. White was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, August 30, 1857. Educated in the public and high schools of the city, he entered the hardware business as a young man and for nearly twenty years was actively thus engaged. In 1896 he severed his connection with the interests with which he had so long been connected and established himself in business in the line of real estate and insurance, in which field he has since been active continuously. Acting both as a broker and an operator, Mr. White has done much for the promotion of ownership of homes among the people, and has also handled many important transfers in commercial real estate. For years Mr. White has been considered an authority on real estate values, and since 1910 has acted as appraiser for the Worcester County Institute for Savings. With offices at No. 714 Slater Building, he is doing a large and constantly increasing business, and both among his associates and the people generally he is highly esteemed as a man and a citizen. The interests of Mr. White's leisure follow various lines, and he is a member of the Worcester Horticultural Society. He is interested in raising fruit, and has taken many prizes and premiums for pears, peaches, quinces, grapes, and currants at the Horticultural shows held in Worcester. He is also a member of the Mechanics' Association. He has served as a deacon of the Piedmont Congregational Church for many years.

A. Avery White married, on October 30, 1891, Mary F. Stowell, who was born in Worcester, and they are the parents of three children: Hannah Hastings, married Randolph Catlin, of New York City; George A., who served in the World War as an ensign in the United States Navy, married Katherine Bradley, of Worcester; and William Stowell, who served with the Harvard Naval unit during the war.

WALTER K. WILEY—In construction circles in Northern Worcester County Walter K. Wiley holds a prominent position as the head of the well known contracting firm of Wiley & Foss, active in building construction over a wide radius in and about Fitchburg. For more than thirty years Mr. Wiley has been identified with this organization, which has undergone various changes, but has been continuously active in the growth and development of this section. A lifelong resident of Fitchburg, Mr. Wiley is a son of Robert G. Wiley, who was born in Scotland and came to the United States as a young man, settling permanently in Fitchburg.

Walter K. Wiley was born July 8, 1867. He received a practical grounding in the essentials of education at the public schools of Fitchburg, and thereafter served an apprenticeship at the trade of bricklayer and plasterer. Following this trade as a young man, he very naturally learned the possibilities in the construction field, and being possessed of an ambitious temperament and more than ordinary executive ability, he was soon active in an independent way as a contractor. In the year 1892 was established the organization of which the present firm is the outgrowth. It was originally known as Gilchrist, Warner & Wiley, then with the withdrawal of Mr. Warner and the reception of his successor became Gilchrist, Wiley & Foss. Upon the death of Mr. Gilchrist the two remaining partners went forward under the firm name of Wiley & Foss, which still obtains. Throughout the entire period of its existence and the various changes of personnel the enterprise has gone steadily forward, and many of the finer buildings in and about Fitchburg have been erected by them. Mr. Wiley, as the present head of the concern, is an able executive and a practical man, and his success not only places him among the noteworthy people of the present day, but contributes materially to the general welfare. He is a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, and is very prominent fraternally, being a member of Apollo Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; also the encampment and canton of this order, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of Aurora Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and all other Masonic bodies, including thirty-second degree.

Mr. Wiley married, in Fitchburg, on July 28, 1891, Anna A. Michaels, and they are the parents of two children: Robert A., who married Sarah Francis, and has one child, Margaret Lorraine; and Margaret, wife of Roy W. Schenck.

A. STANLEY LLEWELLYN—It sometimes happens that a boy leaves school at an early age to make his way in the business world, encountering obstacles and surmounting them and acquiring an education as he

moves along. Others fail utterly to overcome the handicap of a meager schooling. In the case of Mr. Llewellyn school was deserted for a trade when he was quite young, but he later returned to extensive study, which has secured to him his present position in Clinton, Massachusetts. Mr. Llewellyn is a son of David and Annie (Livingstone) Llewellyn. The father was engaged in carriage manufacturing in his native place of Prince Edward Island, Canada, where the mother was also born, and died in 1909.

A. Stanley Llewellyn was born at Arlington, Massachusetts, February 24, 1887. As indicated above, he left the public schools to learn the trade of manufacturing pianos, but reëntered again in 1907. Later he enrolled as a student at Colby Academy and graduated with the class of 1911, after which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1915. From the time of graduating until 1917, he filled a position as manager of the Steinert Store, in New Hampshire, and two years later, in 1919, became associated with the Lockwood Green Company of Boston, and located at their mills in Camden, South Carolina, learning the textile business. There he was advanced to the position of service superintendent of the Waterlee Mills, and in 1920 came to Clinton to occupy the same position with their Lancaster Mills, a position he continues to hold.

Fraternally he is a member of King Solomon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in New Hampshire; Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity; also Casque and Gauntlet fraternity; and the Senior Society. He is also a member of the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, and American Society of Political Science. In 1917 he enlisted in the United States Army, was given the rank of corporal and stationed at Fort Constitution. Later he was transferred to Camp Pike, Little Rock, Arkansas, and commissioned a second lieutenant in October, 1918, reporting to the office of the Adjutant General at Washington, District of Columbia, for duty. In February, 1919, he received his discharge with the above-mentioned rank. In religion he is a Baptist.

Mr. Llewellyn was united in marriage, June 7, 1919, with Lucy Grey Anderson, a native of Richmond, Virginia.

JOSEPH T. WITT—In the distribution of some of the leading makes of automobiles in the Worcester, Massachusetts, district, Joseph T. Witt is attaining a large measure of success. He is one of the well known and decidedly popular young men of this city, and has had experience in other lines of mercantile endeavor, but for the past six years has been engaged in his present field. Mr. Witt is a native of this city, and a son of George A. Witt, who was born in Lithuania, but came to the United States as a young man. He has now been engaged in the envelope business for more than forty years, having been associated with the Logan, Swift & Bingham Company, practically since his arrival in Worcester. He married Margaret Patterson, who also was born in Lithuania, and is now a resident of Worcester.

Joseph T. Witt was born in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, September 4, 1891. His education was received in the public and high schools of the city, and on completing his studies he entered the business world as a sales clerk in a leading clothing store of Worcester.



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Rising to a position of considerable responsibility in this field he continued along this line until the year 1917, when he opened his present business, entering upon the distribution of automobiles. Beginning simply with a sales agency for used cars, Mr. Witt continued in this line and limited his operations to this branch of the business until 1921 when he took over the agency for the Earl car, still carrying on a large trade in used cars. In 1922 he added to this interest the agency of the Rickenbacker car, also the Columbia Six. The business has grown rapidly, and Mr. Witt's ability and energy have developed a large and important business, now holding a leading position in his general field of activity in Worcester and vicinity, with his headquarters at No. 668 Main Street, and a service station at No. 875 Main Street. Fraternally Mr. Witt is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and he is a well-known member also of the Automobile Club. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mr. Witt married, on March 14, 1917, Florence G. Coonan, who was born in Worcester, and they have one son: Joseph T., Jr., born May 29, 1918.

JAMES B. GETTENS—Since 1920 James B. Gettens has been successfully engaged in business for himself as an electrical contractor in Leominster, Massachusetts. He has had a most thorough and extended technical training, followed by experience of the most valuable kind, and is known in Leominster as an expert in his line.

Mr. Gettens was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, September 7, 1889, son of James B. Gettens, a native of Hemmingford, Canada, who was engaged in the reed industry during the greater part of his life, and of Nellie (Driscoll) Gettens, who was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, and died in Leominster in 1911. He received his early and preparatory education in the public schools of Leominster and in Franklin Union of Boston, and then became a student in Lowell Institute, which is connected with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He continued study and work in the electrical engineering department of that institution, and when his studies were completed, accepted a position in the electrical department of the Watertown Arsenal. His next position was with the Edison Company of Boston, and when he again made a change it was to go to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he became associated with the Economy Electrical Company, The Coghlin-Wilson Company, and others. In 1920 he removed to Leominster and engaged in the electrical contracting business for himself. He has been most successful in that enterprise, and has rapidly built up a lucrative business. He is known as one of the most expert electricians in the city, and has handled some important electrical contracts. During the World War he was in civilian employ, and was assigned to the Boston Navy Yard, where for two years as first-class electrician, he was engaged in delicate and important electrical work. He is a member of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce and of the Alumni Association of Wentworth Institute, and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. He is an attendant of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church of Leominster.

On August 14, 1916, James B. Gettens married Sadie Campbell, who was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Carter) Campbell, and they are the parents of two sons: Francis Herbert, who was born September 27, 1918; and William J., who was born May 17, 1920.

JAMES H. WALSH—After serving as letter carrier in Leominster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, Mr. Walsh now occupies the position of Postmaster for this community, having been appointed in 1916 by President Wilson and reappointed 1922 by President Harding. He is a son of James and Bridget (Donnelly) Walsh. The father was born in Cork, Ireland, and engaged as a combmaker until his death in 1886. The mother, also deceased, was born at Athlon, Ireland.

James H. Walsh was born at Leominster, Massachusetts, July 25, 1862, where he secured his education in the public schools. After leaving school he worked for ten years with the F. A. Whitney Carriage Company, then entered the civil service as a letter carrier. He resigned from that position in 1912 and became president of the Hedley Coal Company of Leominster, which business connection he retained until appointed Postmaster in 1916.

He is a fraternal member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He served as a second lieutenant of Company K, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, from 1880 to 1883. He is affiliated with Leominster Historical Society, and is a communicant in St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Walsh married, January 6, 1887, Lillian L. Quinn, a native of Brandon, Vermont. One son was born to them, James H., Jr., who served in the United States Navy during the World War as a seaman from 1917 to 1919. He is now practicing law in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, with the firm of Walsh & Walsh.

FELIX A. LAJOIE—In the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, the work of caring for the dead is placed in the hands of a group of men whose ideals are of the highest, and whose sense of responsibility is in keeping with the seriousness and the sacredness of the work which comes to their hands. In this group Felix A. Lajoie is a representative figure. A progressive man in his field and interested in all that pertains to professional and community advance, he is a member of a family long prominent in the city of Worcester. He is a son of Andre G. Lajoie, who was born at St. Simon, Canada, and came to Worcester as a young man, entering the meat business here and winning substantial success. He was counted among the successful merchants of this city during the thirty-seven years of his business activity here, and continued in the same line of endeavor until his death, which occurred in the year 1918. He married Elmira Belisle, who was born in Canada, and died in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1895.

Felix A. Lajoie was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, September 9, 1884. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he later had the advantage of a course at Post's Business College, of Worcester. With this broadly practical preparation for his business career, Mr. Lajoie became associated with his father in the meat

market and continued with him permanently. Following the death of his father he took over the management of the business, but later, in 1919, turned over the responsibilities of this business largely to others, although he still owns the interest. At that time Mr. Lajoie associated himself with John D. Amelotte in the undertaking business, and has followed this line of endeavor since. With his natural ability along commercial lines, added to his deep appreciation of the ethics of the undertaking profession, Mr. Lajoie is attaining large success, and is sought among the people of Worcester and a wide territory adjacent for funeral and embalming work. The headquarters of the firm of Lajoie & Amelotte are located at No. 75 Southgate Street, and are fitted up in the most modern way, also with the most excellent taste. With a complete motor equipment they handle the commissions of an extensive patronage, which includes many of the leading families of Worcester and vicinity. Mr. Lajoie has few interests outside of his profession, but is a member of the Artisan's Order of Mutual Protection, the Societe St. Jean de Baptiste, and the Circle Gagnon. He attends the Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic Church.

Felix A. Lajoie married, in 1907, Amanda M. Amelotte, who was born in Spencer, Massachusetts, a daughter of Edward F. and Celina (Mandeville) Amelotte. They have two children: Archibald A. and Carmen E.

WINDSOR W. ALLEN stands among the prominent industrial executives of the day in Gardner, Massachusetts, as treasurer of the Frank W. Smith Company, manufacturers of sterling silver hollow ware and flatware. In this activity he is bearing a definite part in the advance of the organization, and he also is well known in social circles in this city. Mr. Allen is a son of William F. and Carrie (Morse) Allen, both natives of Gardner and members of old families of Worcester County. Windsor W. Allen was reared in Gardner and educated in the local public schools. As a young man he was active in the meat business here, but later joined the production force of the Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company, where he was later made foreman of the chair department. He served in that capacity until his death, which occurred in 1915. The mother is still living and is a resident of Gardner.

Windsor W. Allen was born at Gardner, Massachusetts, February 4, 1891. His education was begun in the public schools, and he attended the Gardner High School. He later took a commercial course at Post's Business College, at Worcester, Massachusetts, and his first experience was in the silverware manufacturing plant of Frank W. Smith, of Gardner, of which the present corporation is an outgrowth. Mr. Allen became identified with this interest as a member of the office force and later acted as salesman. In September, 1921, he purchased an interest in the firm and was made treasurer of the corporation, which was organized at that time. This concern is taking a leading place in its field, not alone in Gardner, but in the silver industry in Massachusetts. Their product is distinctive in design and of the highest quality and workmanship, and is being received with the greatest favor by connoisseurs. Mr. Allen is a member of the Gardner Chamber of

Commerce and the Gardner Boat Club, and is identified with the First Congregational Church.

Mr. Allen married, on August 7, 1920, Marguerite Ruth Butler, of Gardner, daughter of Frederick L. Butler, of Gardner, formerly treasurer of the Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company, now treasurer of the Whitney Carriage Company, of Leominster, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have one daughter, Marguerite.

GEORGE M. JOHNSTON—A man who has through his own industry and ability attained an important position among Clinton's influential commercial factors is George M. Johnston, who is superintendent of the Wickwire Spencer Steel Corporation's branch here. Mr. Johnston is a lifelong resident of this community, having been born here May 10, 1893. His father, Thomas J. Johnston, came here from his birthplace in Ireland, and was connected with the Clinton Wire Cloth Company until his death in 1898. His mother, a native of County Down, Ireland, was born Elizabeth Linton, and still survives.

After completing his studies in the public schools of Clinton Mr. Johnston immediately entered the ranks of wage earners, his first position being that of office boy for the Clinton Wire Cloth Company, which he took in 1907. Continuing with this company until it was taken over by the Wickwire Spencer Steel Corporation, he remained in the employ of the new owners and worked himself up to his present position of superintendent. Mr. Johnston belongs to the younger element of Clinton's business men, and his progress in the past justifies the prediction that the future holds for him still greater successes. He is a man of clear judgment and progressive character, and is interested in every project that has for its object the upbuilding and development of this section of Worcester County. Mr. Johnston is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and was for two years, 1919-20, Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Clinton Lodge, No. 1306. His religious affiliation is with the Protestant Episcopal church of Clinton.

ARTHUR W. PRATT is the owner of the Gardner Clothing Company, the oldest established retail clothing store in the city of Gardner, Massachusetts. During practically all of its career Mr. Pratt has been actively identified—as clerk, manager, and finally proprietor—with the business of which he is now the sole owner.

Born in Gardner, Massachusetts, June 20, 1876, Mr. Pratt is a son of the late Walter Pratt, a native of Ashburnham, Massachusetts, who was a chairmaker and was for many years superintendent in the factory of E. Wright & Company, of Gardner. His mother was Anna Eliza (Wright) Pratt, now deceased; his maternal grandfather, Captain Ephraim Wright, was one of the original chair manufacturers of the town.

Mr. Pratt received his education in the public schools of his native city, and found his first employment in the chair factory established by his grandfather. While so employed he worked evenings in the clothing store, later giving up his work in the chair shop to devote his

entire time to the clothing business. That connection he maintained for a period of about twenty years, at the end of which time he invested his savings in the purchase of an interest in the business, subsequently acquiring the interests of all the other owners.

The Gardner Clothing Company is widely known throughout Northern Worcester County, and draws a large part of its patronage from the surrounding towns. Mr. Pratt has given his full energy to the management of his business, and the degree of success attained by him has been brought about through strict personal application, during which time the store has gained a reputation second to none for reliability and fair dealing.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Pratt is an enthusiastic outdoor sportsman. He is widely known and highly esteemed among a host of personal friends, most of whom have known him since his boyhood days. He is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce; Gardner Lodge, No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Ridgely Club; the Ridgely Country Club; and the North Worcester County Fish and Game Club.

NAPOLEON J. BOUSQUET—One of the prosperous and substantial business men of Clinton, who has been identified with the life of this community for many years is Napoleon J. Bousquet. Mr. Bousquet is of Canadian birth and parentage, and came originally from Roxton Falls, Canada, where he was born August 23, 1878. His parents were Joseph and Virginia (Dupuis) Bousquet, the father following the occupation of carpenter until his death in 1878, the same year his son was born.

After finishing his education in the public schools of his home community Mr. Bousquet secured employment as a clerk in a general store, retaining the position for three years. He then left Canada and went to Brunswick, Maine, working there in various capacities for a time, after which he arrived in Clinton (1902), and has been a resident here ever since. He was for three years connected with the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company here as an employee, then for seven years was with the Clinton Wire Cloth Company. Resigning from that position he decided to go into business for himself, and, accordingly, in 1912, opened a garage, remaining in this line ever since. The venture proved to be a very successful one, and five years later, in 1917, he moved into his present quarters, having a fine, up-to-date garage and fully equipped repair shop, as well as conducting the sales agency for Hudson and Essex cars. Besides giving all of his own time and attention to the business Mr. Bousquet requires five assistants in its conduct, catering to a constantly increasing trade.

As a public-spirited citizen Mr. Bousquet takes an active interest in the local social, civic, and religious affairs of the community, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Lamsdec Club, while in religion he is a devout communicant of St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

Napoleon J. Bousquet married, July 17, 1917, Jeanette B. Frazer, of Providence, Rhode Island.

He began work when very young and received \$2.50 a month. His first work in Clinton netted him \$4.52 a week. Later this was raised to a better figure, yet

during all the time he worked for others his weekly pay did not exceed \$16. From this he saved money to start in business on his own account, and to-day he owns his new garage and salesroom, which occupies a space of fifty by one hundred and fifty feet, and a fine bungalow home adjoining.

HUGH STEWART—As a contracting painter in Clinton, Massachusetts, Mr. Stewart is regarded as the leader in point of workmanship and length of service in this line. Many of the mill and public buildings of this city have been entrusted to his skill and artistry.

Hugh Stewart was born in Clinton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, June 26, 1869, of parents who were natives of Grey Abbey, Ireland. His father, Hugh Stewart, operated his own machinery business until removed by death in 1901. Elizabeth (Gibson) Stewart, his mother, died in 1907.

When Mr. Stewart's education in the local public schools was completed, he worked for two years in the tea and coffee business, leaving it to learn the trade of painter, but at that time the way was open for him to launch out into business for himself in 1901. From the very first he met with success, which has increased until now the preëminence of his position in the trade is thoroughly established. He employs from twelve to sixteen men.

Mr. Stewart is a fraternal member of the Clinton Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In business organizations he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with the Clinton Congregational Church.

On June 1, 1897, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage with Elizabeth Hanna, daughter of Hugh and Mary (Findley) Hanna. Her father was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and engaged in the textile business until his death in 1909. The mother was born in Grey Abbey, Ireland, and died in 1903. Mrs. Stewart is a member of the Degree of Honor Protective Association, of which she was State President for 1922 and 1923, practically two terms, and was president of the local lodge for four terms.

ANDREW W. CARLSON—Thousands of infants all over the country are taking their "airings" in vehicles which are manufactured in Gardner, Massachusetts, by the Hedstrom-Union Company, of which Andrew W. Carlson is superintendent. The plant is a thoroughly modern and up-to-date one, and in addition to baby carriages also manufactures baby carriage hardware.

Andrew W. Carlson was born in Sweden, October 10, 1869, son of Carl and Sophia (Farsberg) Carlson, and received his education in the public schools of his native country. He was an able and energetic young fellow, and realizing that opportunity was greater in the wide lands across the seas than in his native country, decided to try his fortune in America. He landed in Boston, Massachusetts, June 11, 1893, and soon found employment with the Heywood Brothers, with whom he remained for a period of eight years. At the end of that time, in 1901, he severed his connection with the Heywood Brothers and associated himself with the Rams-

dell Manufacturing Company, which concern is engaged in the making of reed furniture. His next employment was found as foreman with J. A. Dickerman, who was engaged in the same line of production, and this latter connection he maintained for a period of thirteen years. During those years and the earlier years of his career he had been thriftily saving a fair proportion of his earnings, and had accumulated sufficient capital to think of engaging in business for himself. He began to look about for a favorable opportunity to invest his savings and his experience, and first went out to Michigan, where he remained for six months. He then returned to Gardner, and in association with Carl Hedstrom, W. P. Shuffleton, Oscar Fovelin, and Ernest Johnson became one of the founders of the manufacturing concern which was known as the Union Manufacturing Company. The concern engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of baby carriages, and later, after merging its interests with those of the Hedstrom Company, added to its products baby carriage hardware. The firm then became known as the Hedstrom-Union Company, and under that firm style has made for itself a place among the well-known and well established manufacturing enterprises of the county. Mr. Carlson was made superintendent of the plant, and his efficient discharge of the duties of that important position has been one of the important factors in the success which the enterprise has achieved. Mr. Carlson is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and is well known and highly esteemed among a very large group, both of business associates and of personal friends. He is a member of the Swedish Baptist Church of Gardner, and on the official board.

Andrew W. Carlson married, on April 6, 1895, Caroline Peterson, a native of Sweden, daughter of Per and Caroline Peterson. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are the parents of two sons: William G., who was born March 17, 1897, and Paul H., who was born April 7, 1906, and died March 29, 1907.

PIERRE J. CHERON—As secretary of the F. W. Smith Company of Gardner, Massachusetts, Mr. Cheron is a familiar figure among the executives of the industrial life of the city, but his connection with the concern, as designer and superintendent of manufacture, is a matter of broader significance to the progress of the organization. Mr. Cheron has had wide experience in his field, having been connected with the world-famous Tiffany & Company, of New York City, and with other nationally important concerns. Mr. Cheron is a son of Jules J. and Caroline (Soule) Cheron, both natives of Paris, France. The father came to the United States as a young man of twenty-seven years, while the mother has resided in this country since nine years of age, having come over with her parents. Jules J. Cheron was for a number of years superintendent of the firm of Duparquet Huot Moneuse Company, manufacturers of French cooking ranges, continuing with this firm until his death.

Pierre J. Cheron was born in New York City, April 2, 1871, and his education was begun in the public schools of the metropolis. Early displaying a talent for artistic activities, he entered the National Academy of Design for a course of training, and upon the completion of his

studies, secured a position in the designing department of Tiffany & Company, of New York City, with whom he was associated for about twelve years. He was thereafter identified with the production branches of the silver industry with different concerns, and for five years was active in the field of sculpture in New York City. In 1901 he came to Gardner as designer for Frank W. Smith, in the manufacture of silverware, then, in 1909, returned to New York City, where he was connected with various important manufacturing concerns for about twelve years. Coming to Gardner in 1921, he purchased an interest in the F. W. Smith Company at the time of its incorporation in September of that year. He was placed in charge of process and manufacture, and was also made designer of the firm, as well as superintendent of the company. His work as designer places the product of this plant in the highest rank in the silverware trade, and the company holds a leading position in this county and State. They manufacture both hollow ware and flat ware in sterling silver only. Mr. Cheron is a member of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is identified with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. His recreative interests include outdoor sports, and he is a member of the Gardner Boat Club, and the Oak Hill Country Club, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. He is identified with St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Gardner.

Mr. Cheron married, on November 18, 1896, Harriette L. Medole, of Jersey City, and they have one daughter, Adrienne L., who married, on September 1, 1923, Arthur C. Totten.

JOSIAH ISAAC HENSHAW, one of the leading farmers of Templeton, Massachusetts, owns a thoroughly up-to-date and is distinguished as the owner of one of the largest herds of brown Swiss cattle in the State of Massachusetts. Mr. Henshaw has resided in Templeton for thirty-seven years and more, and his activities have contributed much to the general prosperity and advance of this community. He is a son of Eli Forbes Henshaw, who was born in West Brookfield, Massachusetts, March 2, 1818, and died in February, 1893. He owned a farm which he conducted until his death, and as a man and a citizen was most highly esteemed by all who knew him. The mother, Ruth M. (Gleason) Henshaw, was born in Warren, Massachusetts, April 10, 1825, and died in 1893.

Josiah Isaac Henshaw was born at Munson, Massachusetts, August 24, 1857. His education was begun in the public schools of West Brookfield, where the family later removed, and he completed his studies at Hitchcock Academy, at Brimfield, Massachusetts. On the completion of his education Mr. Henshaw returned to the homestead farm and assisted his father until the year 1886, during the latter part of the period being part owner. In April of the year mentioned he came to Templeton and bought the farm on which he is now active and which comprises extensive timberland, as well as fine farming land. His principal interest is dairy farming. Beginning with a few choice individuals, Mr. Henshaw has developed a remarkably fine herd of brown Swiss cattle, many of them having made excellent milk and butter records. This herd is now one of the most noted in the State of Massachusetts, and Mr. Henshaw



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constantly has people come from distant points to see his stock. Mr. Henshaw is a broadly public-spirited citizen, interested in all that contributes to community advance, and a loyal Republican by political affiliation, but he has never accepted political honors. He is a member of Templeton Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and his religious affiliation is with the Trinitarian church.

Mr. Henshaw married, at Oakham, Massachusetts, June 19, 1883, Mary J. Robinson, who was born at Oakham, Massachusetts, December 16, 1859, and is a daughter of John and Ruth H. (Egery) Robinson. John Robinson, who was a prominent farmer, owning his own place, was born in Oakham, January 4, 1820, and died September 18, 1885. Mrs. Robinson, who was born at Hardwick, February 27, 1829, died August 2, 1911, was a former teacher of Barre, Massachusetts. Mrs. Henshaw is a member of the Grange and the Templeton Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Henshaw are the parents of two children: 1. Fred Forbes, born May 21, 1884, was educated at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, at Amherst, Massachusetts, was later in the United States Geological Survey, at Portland, Oregon, and is now district engineer for that State; he married Carrie Lamond, of Cleveland, and they are the parents of two children: Lamond and Jesse. 2. Charles Robinson, who was born October 26, 1889, attended the schools at Templeton, and now works with his father on the farm.

GERDON A. BROWN—One of Clinton's useful business men is Mr. Brown, who has acted in the capacity of secretary of the Clinton Foundry Company since 1907. His occupancy of this responsible post has resulted from evident ability and lengthy service with the corporation. He was a son of Abijah and Lucy A. (Baker) Brown, the former of whom was born in Marlboro, Massachusetts, and served as Chief of Police in Clinton for a number of years, death occurring in 1903. The mother, a native of Suffield, Connecticut, died in 1911.

Gerdon A. Brown was born in Bolton, Massachusetts, August 16, 1851, where his education was begun, and later continued in the public schools of Clinton and a commercial school at Worcester, Massachusetts. When his education was completed he secured employment with Gibb Harness and Loom Company of Clinton, where he remained for four years. In January, 1882, he entered the employ of the Clinton Foundry Company and became a partner in the business in 1899.

The Clinton Foundry Company was organized in 1847 by Gilman M. Palmer and conducted by him until 1881, when Christopher C. Stone purchased the business. In 1897 W. A. Stone, George C. Stone, and Gerdon A. Brown were made partners in the enterprise, which in 1907 was incorporated as the Clinton Foundry Company, Inc. The officers of this corporation are W. A. Stone, president; George C. Stone, treasurer, and G. A. Brown, secretary. Manufacturing iron, brass, and aluminum castings for machinery and structural work, they have no competitors in this line in Clinton, and their employees number between sixty-five and seventy-five.

Mr. Brown is a Mason and Past Master of Trinity Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Past High Priest of Clinton Chapter. He served on the

Library Board for four years, and was a member of the Sinking Fund Commission; also a member of the Chamber of Commerce; trustee of Clinton Savings Bank, and a member of the investment board. He is a member of the Unitarian church, and was president of the church body for nine years, still holding that position, Mrs. Brown being a member of all the benevolent and social bodies of the church. Fishing is Mr. Brown's hobby.

Gerdon A. Brown married, on April 28, 1880, Henrietta L. Stone, a native of Clinton, Massachusetts.

SILAS TAFT—A successful farmer for twenty years, Silas Taft then entered mercantile life, and for thirty years has been a successful merchant, a member of the firm of Taft Brothers, grocers and grain dealers of Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts. He is a son of Samuel H. and Waitie E. (Wood) Taft, and a descendant in the seventh generation of the family founded in New England by Robert Taft, or Taaffe, as the name was originally spelled.

(I.) Robert Taft was probably born in England and died in Mendon, Massachusetts, February 8, 1725. Tradition says he located first at Braintree. He is first on record in Mendon, January 3, 1680, when he was elected Selectman and became influential in both town and church. He and his three sons built the first bridge across the river in 1709, and in 1729 Tafts built the second bridge. He was a large land owner and one of the ten proprietors of the town of Sutton. He married Sarah ———, and they were the parents of five children, all of whom lived in Mendon; Thomas, of further mention; Robert (2), Daniel, Joseph, and Benjamin.

(II.) Thomas Taft, eldest child of Robert and Sarah Taft, was born in 1671, and died in Mendon, Massachusetts, in 1755. He married Deborah Genery, daughter of Isaac Genery, of Dedham, Massachusetts, and settled on a part of the original Taft farm at Mendon with his father and brothers. Children: Joseph, Sarah, Eleazer, Hannah, Rebecca, Deborah, Rachel, Martha, Isaac, Susanna, and Thomas (2), twin with Susanna, of further mention.

(III.) Thomas (2) Taft, youngest child of Thomas and Deborah (Genery) Taft, was born in Mendon, Massachusetts, March 15, 1713, and died early in 1793. He settled on a part of the original Taft farm. The Tafts were Puritans in their religious faith, but this Thomas took a violent dislike for his minister and was suspended from communion. He preferred charges against the minister, who was acquitted but later dismissed. Thomas (2) Taft married Lydia Thompson about 1732, but eight of their children died young, only two sons, Nathaniel and Thomas (3), and a daughter, Lydia, reaching mature years.

(IV.) Thomas (3) Taft, tenth child of Thomas (2) and Lydia (Thompson) Taft, was born in Mendon, Massachusetts, October 30, 1753, and died in 1835. He married (first) Mary Spring, (second), June 16, 1793, Betsey Fletcher. Children by first wife: Amasa, Otis, Joanna, Deborah, Samuel, Sylvia, Polly, and Betsey. All these children were living in 1823, when their father made his will, which was probated in 1835. The children of the second marriage were: Arnold, Stephen, and Thomas (4), of further mention.

(V.) Thomas (4) Taft, son of Thomas (3) and Betsey (Fletcher) Taft, was born in Mendon, Massachusetts, December 26, 1797, and died there September 24, 1872. He lived on part of the original Taft farm, and in his will set aside the burial ground in perpetuity for the family use. He married, December 2, 1819, Mary Harkness, who was the mother of all his children. In his will he refers to his wife as Mercy, who was his second wife and a sister of Mary Harkness. Children, all born in Mendon: Sullivan H., Alanson, Samuel Harkness, of further mention; Hannah, Susan, Elizabeth, and Mercy Ann. There was also another son, Thomas Jefferson, who died at the age of twenty-six, leaving no children.

(VI.) Samuel Harkness Taft, son of Thomas (4) and Mary (Harkness) Taft, was born in Mendon, Massachusetts, June 25, 1828, and died in Uxbridge, February 4, 1903. He was educated in the public schools of Mendon, and there settled on a farm following the example of his ancestors, all of whom had been agriculturists. He was also a capable civil engineer. He married Waitie E. Wood in 1856 (intentions dated December 29, 1856), born in Mendon, May 8, 1836. Samuel H. and Waitie E. (Wood) Taft were the parents of four sons, all of whom reached man's estate: 1. William J. 2. Samuel B., who died in 1921. 3. Frederick C., who was a member of the firm of Taft Brothers from the beginning; he died in 1914. He was born in 1868. He married Mary E. Davison, of Uxbridge, and left his widow and five children: Raymond, deceased; Byron W., Earle, Maxine, and Jacqueline. 4. Silas, of further mention.

(VII.) Silas Taft, fourth son of Samuel Harkness and Waitie E. (Wood) Taft, was born at the home farm in Mendon, Massachusetts, March 2, 1871. He was educated in the public schools of Mendon, finishing with high school, then returned to the farm and for twenty years was engaged in the family occupation. He then became a mercantile clerk in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, continuing this for two years before starting in business for himself as a partner with his brother Frederick C., they yet operating as Taft Brothers, and conducting the largest general store in Uxbridge. There is another firm of Taft Brothers, founded by William J. and Samuel B. Taft, but they are lawyers, and all the brothers are men of influence in Uxbridge. Taft Brothers, the merchants, began business in 1894, and have, in addition to their general store, a prosperous grain business operated under the same name.

Silas Taft is a member of Solomon Temple Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Uxbridge, and the Royal Arch Chapter at Whitinsville. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the First Congregational Church; his political faith is that of a Republican.

Mr. Taft married, in Uxbridge, in 1896, Nettie E. Crocker, born there July 20, 1873, daughter of George A. and Jeanette (Seagraves) Crocker, her father also born in Uxbridge, of ancient and influential New England family. Silas and Nettie E. (Crocker) Taft are the parents of three children: Curtis G., Gladys, and an infant, all deceased. Mrs. Taft is Registrar of Deborah Wheelock Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Uxbridge.

JOHN KUNIHOLM, a native of Finland, and father of the boys who founded the Kuniholm Manufacturing Company, came to this country in 1890, and typifies the immigrant of that period, imbued with a keen sense of "law and order," a vigorous determination to forge ahead, to develop, to build, and make a place for himself and his own. He worked in the factories of Gardner, Massachusetts, saved, began to invest in land and build; he was instrumental in developing land along Rock Street. He was one of the founders of the Finnish-Swedish Lutheran Church at the corner of Leamy and Church streets, the building of which developed a large tract of the city. He built a bridge across Otter River, which fact led to a development of another part of the city which is now known as Riverside, and where the Kuniholm Manufacturing Company's plant is located. The opening of this part of the city has increased the taxes to the town a hundred fold.

It was five sons of this immigrant who in 1919, when the World War had left business conditions in this country in a state hardly auspicious for developing a new enterprise, started the Kuniholm Manufacturing Company. Two of the brothers were bought out shortly after organization, which left three to carry on the business, namely: Eric, C. Harry, and W. Gardner, who are justly proud of their enviable record, and are regarded with esteem by their fellow-townsmen.

Eric Kuniholm, the eldest of the three boys, has not been until the last year actively connected with the concern. During the period of organization, however, his advice was sought and he now serves as one of the directors. He was born in Wasa, Finland, June 9, 1876, and came over with the family, which then consisted of eight children. For the last twelve years he has been associated with O. W. Siebert as foreman and designer. He is a member of the Ridgely Club, Order of Wasa, and other fraternal organizations. He has always taken an active part in civic affairs, serving in different offices and on committees. His work in naturalization has been very prominent.

C. Harry and W. Gardner Kuniholm are the two in the family of ten that were born in this country, and upon them have rested the responsibility of the present success of the company. Both of them have been actively connected with the company from the very start, and both of them weathered the storm that besieged the infant industry during the business depression of 1920.

C. Harry Kuniholm was born in Gardner, April 10, 1892, where he attended the public school. He attended the academy of Upsala College, Kenilworth, New Jersey, after which he entered Clark College, at Worcester, Massachusetts, graduating in 1918. At both institutions he was business manager of the school paper and actively engaged in different organizations. After graduating from Clark College he became instructor at Wilbraham Academy, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, which position he left to join his brothers in starting their business. He was treasurer, clerk and member of the board of directors from the start and still serves in this same capacity. He is a member of Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Gardner, Massachusetts.

W. Gardner Kuniholm was born in Gardner, December 27, 1893, and attended the public schools there. He

learned the machinist's trade in the E. E. Gage Manufacturing Company. He has had a wide experience in this field, working in such plants as Taft-Pierce, Gray & Davis, Bosch Magneto, and the New England Westinghouse plant at Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, where, during the war, he worked on the Browning Machine Gun, and later enlisted in the Naval Aviation Corps as second-class machinist's mate. Shortly after his return from service the Kuniholm Company was organized. He is a member of Suffolk Lodge, No. 8, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Cambridge, Massachusetts; Belcher Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts; Gardner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 46, Knights Templar.

The Kuniholm Manufacturing Company manufactures hardware and wheels for baby carriages, doll carriages, cribs, and children's wheel toys, and small hardware for the chair industry. In the short time this company has been in operation its earnings have been such that the production has been doubled each year. Additions to floor space have been made each year, the last of which more than doubled the size of the plant. The industry is one that found its place in the readjustment that took place after the World War, supplying the many new factories which began during and after the war, one of the two active members leaving a teacher's profession, the other the service and industry connected with supplying wartime needs. The officers of this company at present are: W. Gardner Kuniholm, president; C. Harry Kuniholm, treasurer and clerk. These two with Eric Kuniholm are the directors. The company is a Massachusetts corporation, and all the brothers are members of the Gardner Chamber of Commerce.

CHARLES I. NEWTON—The manufacture of envelopes has for many years been a leading industry of Worcester, Massachusetts, and in this field Mr. Newton holds a prominent executive position as treasurer of the New England Envelope Company, with which he has been identified for the past twelve years. A practical business man, with years of experience in bookkeeping and accounting before forming this affiliation, Mr. Newton has done much to advance the progress and prosperity of the organization. He is a son of Eugene I. and Elizabeth A. (Drew) Newton. Both parents now deceased. His father was prominent in business circles of Boston as an expert accountant.

Charles I. Newton was born in Boston, Massachusetts, September 19, 1874. His education comprised the usual public and high school courses, and as a young man Mr. Newton entered the business world in the employ of Ross Brothers, of Worcester, Massachusetts, in the capacity of bookkeeper and accountant. For about one year he remained in this connection, then was identified for a similar period with the Reed-Curtis Company of Worcester, also as a bookkeeper, after which he became identified with the Norton Company, also of this city, where he remained for eight years, doing accounting and clerical work. In 1911 Mr. Newton formed his present association with the New England Envelope Company, entering the organization as a bookkeeper. He later was promoted to sales manager, and in November, 1922, when the firm was reorganized, Mr. Newton was

elected treasurer of the company, Frank L. MacNeill being president. With a capital of \$60,000, the concern manufactures envelopes and pasted paper boxes, holding a leading position in Worcester County in this general field. Mr. Newton is one of the active managers of the business, and his excellent judgment and broad familiarity with conditions have given his activities great value to the concern. The progress of the enterprise has been steady, and as treasurer of the organization, Mr. Newton holds a largely prominent position in the business life of Worcester.

Mr. Newton is prominent fraternally, being a member of Morning Star Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Worcester Lodge of Perfection, Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Lawrence Chapter, Rose Croix; and Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; he is also a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of Aletheia Grotto. He is a well known member of the United Commercial Travelers, and the Worcester Association of Credit Men, and is a leader in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. His clubs are the Kiwanis and the Economic of Worcester, and the Roosevelt of Boston. By political affiliation Mr. Newton is a Republican, but he takes only the interest of the progressive citizen in public affairs. His religious affiliation is with the Auburn Congregational Church.

Charles I. Newton married, on September 14, 1904, in Worcester, Agnes B. Curtis, daughter of Albert B. and Emma (Titus) Curtis, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Newton are the parents of four children: Lawrence I., born April 7, 1906; Stanley C., born October 11, 1908; Elizabeth M., born April 25, 1916; and Richard C., born December 1, 1917.

HARRY B. SMITH was born at Lowell, Massachusetts, June 10, 1887, and began his education there in the public schools, and after leaving the high school entered the Kling Optical School at Boston. He graduated from the latter in 1909, and served four months in the Boston Dispensary eye clinic. With this education in hand, he went into the optical business in Leominster, in 1919, from which time he has been associated with R. H. Safford, at No. 59 Main Street. His parents were Sumner P. and Emma S. Smith; the former was born in Maine, and was a practicing physician; the latter was born in Buxton, Maine, and is still living.

Mr. Smith is a fraternal member of Wilder Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; also a member of the Masonic Club. In his religious faith he is a communicant in the Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Mr. Smith was married (first), on June 24, 1911, to Elizabeth Peet, born at Kent, Connecticut, who died in 1920, and they were the parents of one child, Madeline E. He married (second) Ruth Morgan, of Pepperill, Massachusetts, and by this marriage has one son, Harry C., born September 28, 1921.

MICHAEL T. CONLON, Chief of Police of Leominster, Massachusetts, has had a long and interesting career. He was born at Leominster, February 23, 1860, son of Owen and Margaret (Ulton) Conlon. His

parents were long identified with the business and social life of the community, and played an important part in the development of Leominster during the years following the Civil War.

Mr. Conlon received his education in the public schools of his native town and completed his studies at the early age of fifteen. Anxious then to begin an independent career and to contribute his share towards the family income, he accepted a position in the factory of the Smith Piano Company. The connection thus established was destined to endure for no less than twenty-seven years, and during that long period Mr. Conlon acquired a thorough knowledge of business and manufacturing conditions and a wide experience of men and affairs. He proved a willing worker and learned the intricacies of the business with great rapidity, so that he was soon promoted to a position of greater responsibility than the one in which he began his career. He continued to rise in the service of the Smith Piano Company and finally attained a position of importance. He might have continued to hold this position for many years had it not been for the fact that in 1902 he decided to seek a change of occupation. Always fond of outdoor life and gifted with a vigorous personality and a strong physique, he felt that the confinement of indoor work was becoming unsuitable for him, and consequently, after careful consideration, he resigned from the position he held at the factory, and in June, 1902, having passed the necessary examinations, entered the Leominster Police Department as a patrolman. He found his new work very interesting, and devoted himself to it with unusual energy, not confining himself to a mechanical unthinking performance of his duties, but enlarging the field of his special knowledge by the study of scientific methods of crime detection, the identification of criminals, the various disguises resorted to by fugitives from justice, the advantages of the Bertillon system and finger printing, and the comparative values of foreign and American methods in police work. His devotion to his work and the energy and enthusiasm he displayed soon brought him recognition, and in May, 1913, he was appointed inspector, with the rank of captain. Four years later, on February 4, 1917, he was appointed Chief of Police of Leominster, and this office he now holds. He has been instrumental in increasing the power and efficiency of the police department, and has inaugurated many reforms which have borne fruit in the splendid character and undisputed ability of the police force as a whole. Mr. Conlon is held in the greatest respect not only by his fellow-citizens in general, who appreciate his efforts to provide adequate protection for their homes and businesses, but also by every individual in the department, which is noted for its loyalty to the chief.

As befits a man of unusual strength and vigor, Mr. Conlon has always found his chief recreation in sports of every description. Before his official duties required so much use of his time as they now do, he was known far and wide for his athletic prowess, and at one time he held the walking championship of Worcester County. He was also the anchor man of the tug-of-war team which held the championship for so long a period. As an officer of the law, Mr. Conlon has at all times taken a great interest in the work of the fire department, understanding in the fullest measure the terrible waste

of life and property occasioned each year by preventable fires. He is always active in the elimination of fire risks, and insists that patrolmen assigned to the work of fire inspection shall display the utmost care and zeal in their work. He has held various offices in the fire department himself, and served as captain of the Clipper Hook and Ladder Company of Leominster when the company beat the world's record and won the championship for their skill. He also served for many years as captain of Hose Company No. 2, and as captain of the Hook and Ladder Company, and his services to these organizations will long be remembered.

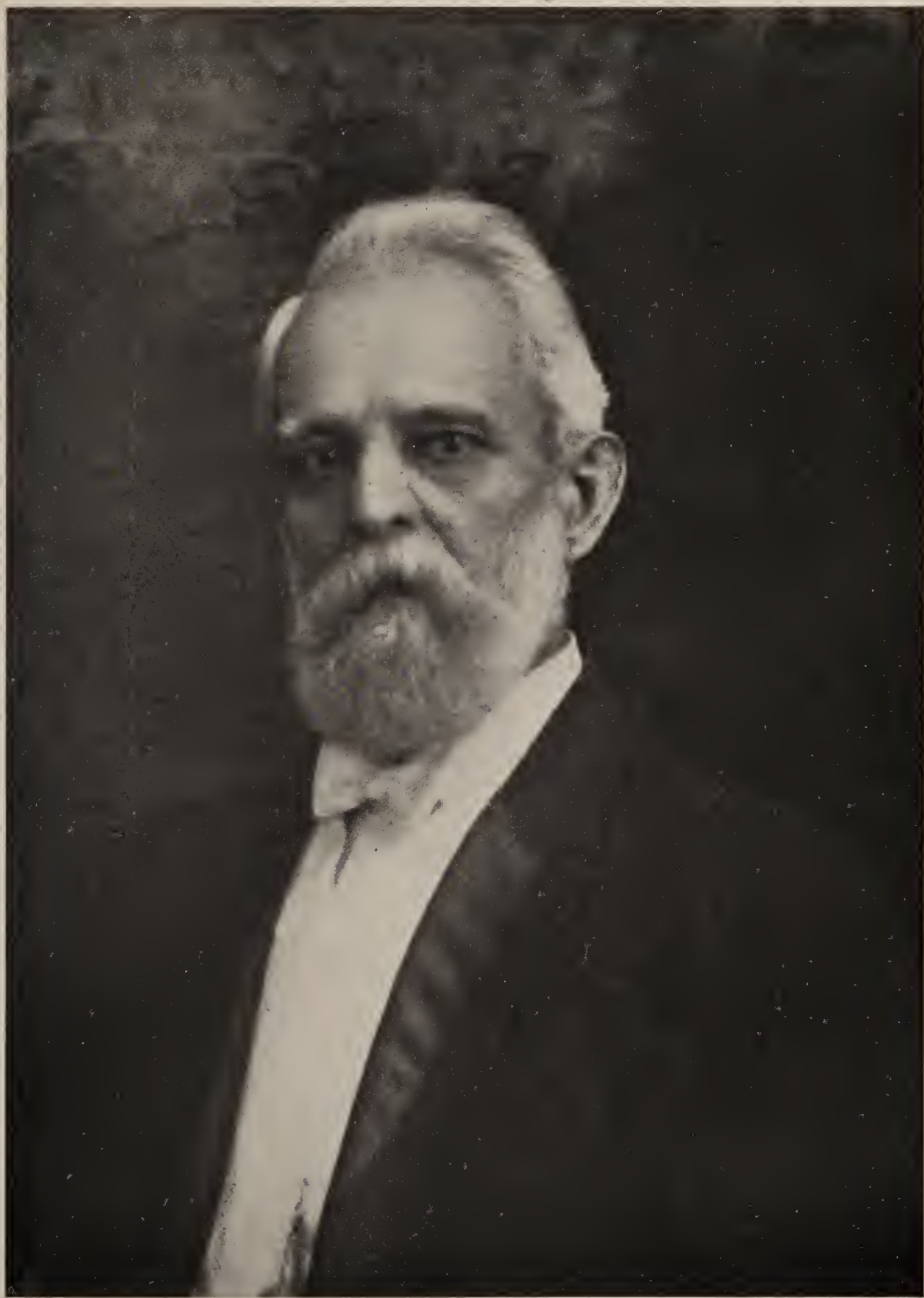
An advocate of every measure designed to increase public prosperity and to improve social conditions, Mr. Conlon is a member of the Public Welfare Council of Leominster. He was president of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Union in 1922; and holds membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, holding membership in the Leominster lodge of that order and taking the greatest interest in all activities. In religious faith Mr. Conlon is a Catholic, and belongs to the parish of St. Leo's Catholic Church at Leominster.

Mr. Conlon married, on April 3, 1881, at Leominster, Catherine M. Murphy, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Graham) Murphy. Mr. and Mrs. Conlon have four children: 1. Agnes, deceased. 2. Mary T., who is at present engaged in work at the Boston City Hospital in the occupational therapy department. 3. Thomas M., who is a veteran of the World War, in which he served as a member of the Medical Corps of the United States Army; he is employed in the New Haven office of the American Film Company as office manager. 4. Florence, who is the youngest member of the faculty of the Fitchburg Normal School of Fine Arts.

MOSES J. PERAULT, JR.—In the industrial world of Worcester County Moses J. Perault holds a noteworthy position as the head of the Brown Engine and Machine Company of Fitchburg, his native place. An able executive and a broadly practical man in every phase of his activity, Mr. Perault is affiliated with various lines of organized advance in the community, and enjoys the highest esteem and confidence of the people.

Moses J. Perault, Sr., was born in St. Alexandre, Canada, July 12, 1841, and came to the United States with his parents at the age of seven years. His active lifetime was spent in the iron industry, and for many years he was one of the best known iron manufacturers of New England. He is still living, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, but for some time has been retired from all business activity. He married Mary A. Sullivan, who died October 30, 1922, at the age of eighty-two years and six months. Both were highly esteemed residents of Fitchburg for many years.

Moses J. Perault, Jr., was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, August 12, 1874. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he later attended Mount St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg, Maryland. He was influenced to take up preparation for the medical profession, and entering Harvard Medical School, continued along this line of study for a period of three years. Then determining upon following a more congenial oc-



Moses J. Perault Sr.

cupation, Mr. Perault left the university and entered the plumbing and heating business in New York City. He was thus engaged for about fifteen years (1897-1912), then returned to Fitchburg to become affiliated with the C. H. Brown Engine Company in the dual capacity of manager and treasurer. In 1915 Mr. Perault, in association with his brother, Joseph F. Perault, purchased the business and the name was changed to the Brown Engine & Machine Company. The original concern was established in the year 1868, and in one form or another has done business continuously since. During the period in which the Perault brothers have owned and managed the interest, it has grown and developed largely and is now one of the really important concerns in its field in this part of Worcester County. Moses J. Perault holds membership in the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and is prominent in fraternal circles as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is Past Exalted Ruler, serving in 1918-19; also a member and a fourth degree member of Fitchburg Council, No. 99, Knights of Columbus, of Fitchburg; and a member of the Fay Club, and Oak Hill Country Club, of Fitchburg. When a student at Mount St. Mary's College he was a leader in athletic sports, playing on the football team during the entire four years of his course, also on the baseball team. He acted as captain and manager of the football team in 1894-95, and in the latter year was also captain of the baseball team.

Moses J. Perault, Jr., married Mary K. Irvin, who was born in New York City, in the year 1871, and they are the parents of five children: Kathryn P., wife of F. F. Sullivan, of Winchester, Massachusetts, and they have one child, Kathryn Perault; May Irvin, Helen Irvin, Grace Irvin, and Ralph Irvin. The young people are widely known and popular in the social circles of Fitchburg and vicinity.

RALPH G. HADLEY—As general manager and a director of one of the important mercantile concerns of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, Ralph G. Hadley is holding a largely responsible position in the business life of Worcester to-day. Mr. Hadley is a son of Edward L. Hadley, who was born in Nova Scotia, and is engaged in the ice business. The mother, May (Lindsay) Hadley, was also born in Nova Scotia and is also now living.

Ralph G. Hadley, son of these parents, was born at Cambridge, Massachusetts, December 31, 1895. His education was received in the public and high schools of his birthplace and he later followed courses successively at Rindge Technical School, and the Phillips-Exeter Academy, in which later institution he prepared for college, and then entered Harvard University with the class of 1920. Upon the completion of his education Mr. Hadley entered the business world in association with the Newton Ice Company, with which concern he remained for a period of six months in the office of manager. He then became identified with the Walker Coal and Ice Company of Worcester, purchasing an interest in the business and taking a position on the board of directors. He was also made general manager of the concern and still serves in this capacity. The Walker Coal and Ice Company, Inc., was founded in

1856 by Benjamin Walker, and was conducted by him for a number of years. Levi G. White then took over the business in association with Edgar Bond and Alvin Sears. This group of progressive men carried it forward for many years, then in 1917 it was taken over by George Dewey, Charles F. Pharoah, and George Parker. The name of the concern was at that time changed to the Walker Coal and Ice Company, and its scope was greatly increased. In 1920 the company again changed hands, becoming a publicly owned corporation, a large part of the stock is owned by Worcester County citizens. The present officers are: Howard H. Davenport, president; and Edward L. Bennett, treasurer; Merton S. Keith, assistant treasurer; and Ralph G. Hadley, general manager. Besides the president, treasurer, and general manager, the following men constitute the board of directors: Bowen Tufts, vice-president; James E. Kimball, Edward L. Hadley, Edward S. French, and Edward C. Mason. The Walker Coal and Ice Company, Inc., is one of the really noteworthy concerns of its kind in the State, and its subsidiary interest, the Bay State Coal Company, has within recent years materially enlarged its operations. It is understood that no other concern in Worcester County handles as important a business, this company having sixty ice wagons active in the summer time, several times as many as other individual competitors. Their main office is located at No. 102 Thomas Street, and they have other offices at No. 397 South Bridge Street, also at Coe's Square, Chadwick Square, and at No. 165 Lake Avenue. They have ice houses at Coe's Reservoir, at Indian Lake, at Brook's Pond, at Lake Quinsigamond, and Lake Quinapoxet. They handle about 85,000 tons of ice a year. They also do a correspondingly extensive business in coal and wood and do a very considerable amount of trucking.

Mr. Hadley is a veteran of the World War, having enlisted for service overseas and receiving his commission as second lieutenant August 15, 1917. He served in the 101st United States Infantry, and in December of the same year was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant while in action in France. He sailed September 13, 1917, and saw active service with the American Expeditionary Forces for nineteen months, engaging in the three major offensives and also being active in the three defensive sectors. He was wounded in action at the battle of Chateau-Thierry, and was awarded the 26th Division Citation at St. Mihiel. He received his honorable discharge from the service after his return to America on June 2, 1919. Mr. Hadley is prominent in club circles, being a member of the Worcester Country Club, the Quinsigamond Boat Club, the Rotary, University, and Harvard clubs of Worcester, and the Worcester Automobile Club. He is a member of Devens Post, American Legion; and is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Hadley married, in 1920, Grace Wardwell, who was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and they have two sons: Edward Lowell, born October 31, 1921, and Wardwell Gould, born June 25, 1923. Mrs. Hadley is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

DENNIS F. MALONEY—As treasurer of the Wood Novelty Company of Leominster, Massachusetts,

Dennis F. Maloney is identified with the furniture manufacturing business, but this interest represents only a part of Mr. Maloney's business activities. He is also the owner and proprietor of a thriving clothing business.

Mr. Maloney was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, August 5, 1878, son of John Maloney, a native of Leominster, who was engaged in the comb industry to the time of his retirement, and of Annie M. (Donnelly) Maloney, who was born in Westminster, Massachusetts, both of whom are now (1923) living in Leominster. He received his education in the public schools of Leominster, graduating from the high school with the class of 1896, and then entered the employ of Thomas Lavin, who was engaged in the clothing business in Fitchburg. That connection he maintained until 1908, when he purchased the Gardner branch store of Mr. Lavin, later removing it to Leominster, where it is now located, under his own name. Since that time he has continued to successfully conduct the business, which, under his efficient management, has steadily expanded. Although he has given careful attention to his clothing business, Mr. Maloney has also found time for another important business enterprise. He is treasurer of the Wood Novelty Company, Inc., which was organized in 1918 and incorporated in 1919, the official personnel being as follows: Joseph P. Mercier, president; Pierre Besson, vice-president; and Dennis F. Maloney, treasurer and general manager. The corporation is engaged in the manufacture of a general line of furniture, but also specializes in a line of children's chairs. The plant is located at No. 73 Manchester Street, where the business occupies three floors and a basement, and requires the services of a large number of employees. Twenty thousand square feet of floor space are fully occupied, and the plant sends its product to all parts of the United States. Mr. Maloney is a member of Gardner Lodge, No. 39, Order of Foresters, and his religious affiliation is as a member of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Maloney married, October 5, 1908, Anna M. Duggan, who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: Walter J., who was born July 5, 1910, and Margaret E., who was born January 25, 1912.

MITCHEL K. MAYKEL—In automobile circles in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, and for a wide region in this and adjoining districts, Mr. Maykel is well known as the distributor of some of the foremost makes of automobiles. A man of marked business ability, energy, and progressive spirit, Mr. Maykel's activities are contributing materially to the general advance, and he holds a position of dignity and honor in the community. He is a son of Kalel and Annie (Smart) Maykel, his parents both natives of Syria, and both now deceased. His father was active in the dry goods business in Worcester, Massachusetts, until his death, which occurred in 1895, and his mother died in 1905.

Mitchel K. Maykel was born at Beyrouth, Syria, March 7, 1881. The family coming to this country when he was an infant, he received his early education in the public schools of Worcester and followed his higher studies at St. Joseph's French School. His early business experience was in the dry goods line, and he was

thus active until 1914. Meanwhile, in 1912, Mr. Maykel became interested in the automobile business in addition to his dry goods interest, and within the following two years the automobile business so far eclipsed the latter in importance that since 1914 he has devoted his entire attention to automobiles. He first took over the agency for the Abbott-Detroit car, then, in 1915, also became agent for the Krit car and the Empire car, and in 1917 he added the Metz. In 1918 Mr. Maykel took over the agency for the Oldsmobile, and the latter two became his leaders. He dropped the Oldsmobile in 1922, meanwhile, in 1919, having taken over the Maxwell and Chalmers cars. He has also been agent for the Velie car. Mr. Maykel has become one of the most prominent figures in the automobile business in the city of Worcester, and his continued success is assured. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Interested in every branch of public advance, he has never taken a leading part in public affairs, but for a number of years served as court interpreter for Worcester County. He is a member of the Worcester Automobile Club, and attends the Greek Catholic church.

Mr. Maykel married, on November 25, 1900, Josephine Massabeni, who was born in Syria, and is a graduate of the American College in that country. They are the parents of eight children: Eva M., Charles M., Albert E., Evelyne, Margaret J., Adele, Anna, and William.

JOSEPH E. VENNE—Among the well-known men of Leominster, Massachusetts, engaged in the insurance business is Mr. Venne, who has served his community as a public official for several years. His father, Charles, who was a farmer until his death in 1884, and his mother, Perpetin (Landry) Venne, whose death occurred in 1880, were natives of St. Jacques, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Joseph E. Venne was born at St. Jacques, Canada, August 3, 1855. His education was obtained in Joliet College, and when completed, he entered the dry goods business in Montreal, where he remained for three years. Then he moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, and for five years engaged in the same line of business there, leaving to establish himself as a dry goods merchant at Manchester, New Hampshire. He was in business there ten years, before moving successively to Lowell, Massachusetts, for eight years, and to Leominster in 1898. In the city of Leominster he maintained a dry goods business for six years, and then started his insurance agency, representing nine of the foremost insurance companies, and becoming vice-president of the Bay State Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

He is affiliated fraternally with the Foresters of America, and the Union of St. Jean de Baptiste, and is a member of the Lorier Club. Politically, he is a Democrat, a member of the Democratic State Committee, and chairman of the License Board of Leominster, a position which he has held since 1915. He was an Alderman in the city of Lowell, Massachusetts, for a period of one year. In religion, a Roman Catholic, he attends St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Venne married (first) Eugena LeDue, February 13, 1882; she died in 1888. He married (second)



Charles E. Cook.

Adeline Birtran, who died in 1917. He married (third), January 6, 1919, Sarah Coopy, a native of Shatargay, New York. The children of his first marriage were: Joseph George, born July 25, 1883; and Antonette R., born April 25, 1886.

CHARLES E. COOK—In various lines of forward endeavor Charles E. Cook, of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, has for many years been a leader in this part of Worcester County. Identifying himself with the local industries as a young man, he has borne the part of a useful citizen throughout the years, and has now for many years been active in the responsible office of Postmaster of Uxbridge. Mr. Cook is a son of John Cook, who was born in Ireland in 1825, and came to the United States in 1849, locating in Uxbridge. He was for many years identified with the textile industry, and overseer of weaving at Waucantuck Mills of Uxbridge. The mother, Margaret (Ranahan) Cook, was born in Ireland in November, 1836, and came to the United States in 1852. The father died in 1880 and the mother in 1916.

Charles E. Cook was born in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, April 6, 1862. His education was acquired in the public and high schools of Uxbridge, also under private instruction in the classics. Possessing artistic tastes and a practical turn of mind which led him to apply his energies in the industries, he became a noteworthy figure in the textile industry as a designer of woolen goods after learning the trade in the Waucantuck Mills. He was active in the employ of that concern for ten years (1879-1889). He then secured a position in the Hecla Mill of the Calumet Woolen Company of Uxbridge. He remained with this concern, however, for only five years or thereabouts, his appointment to his present position commanding his service thereafter. Always deeply interested in the public advance and active in various movements for the community welfare, Mr. Cook is looked upon as a leading citizen of Uxbridge, and his appointment as Postmaster by President Cleveland was acclaimed as an excellent and desirable step in the progress of local affairs. Mr. Cook received his appointment on February 14, 1894, and he has now made the very unusual record of more than twenty-nine years of continuous service in an office usually changed with the changes of the political administration. This is an eloquent comment on the confidence and esteem in which he is held in local circles, also upon his practical ability in the administration of exacting and responsible duties filled with multitudinous detail.

Mr. Cook has for years served in various lines of commercial, financial, and social endeavor, and is clerk of the corporation and on the board of trustees of the Uxbridge Savings Bank, also chairman of the auditing committee. He is vice-president of the Blackstone Valley Agricultural Society, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. For six years he was Grand Knight of Mumford Council, Knights of Columbus, of Whitinsville before the order was represented at Uxbridge. He is also a member of the Foresters of America, in which he served five terms as Chief Ranger, and is an associate member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Cook married Hanah M. Fahy, who was born in

Uxbridge, February 22, 1857, and is a daughter of Cornelius Fahy, who was born in Ireland in 1809, and Margaret (Murphy) Fahy, also born in Ireland in 1813. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are the parents of six children: 1. Joseph E., who was born in Uxbridge, May 1, 1892. He enlisted April 7, 1917, in Denver, and was in France during 1918 and 1919. He received his discharge from the service with the rank of second lieutenant in 1919. He served in the Machine Gun Corps, 88th Division. He married Alice Spencer, who was born in Iowa; he resides in Denver, and is on the staff of the Denver "Post." 2. John J., who was born in Uxbridge September 17, 1893, and enlisted for service in the World War in 1917. He was discharged from the service with the rank of lieutenant. 3. Charles W., who was born in Uxbridge, June 3, 1895. 4. Edward C., who was born in Uxbridge, August 2, 1896, and was drafted in 1918 and served in the infantry at Boston forts. 5. Mary M., born in Uxbridge, November 27, 1897. 6. William J., born in Uxbridge, September 6, 1899.

IRVING A. GREEN—One of the natives of Worcester who has spent practically his entire life in the city of his birth is Irving A. Green, secretary of the Washburn Company of that city, who has been identified with the concern which he now serves in official capacity since the beginning of his active career.

Mr. Green is a son of William Arthur Green, a native of Northboro, Massachusetts, who was engaged in business as a milk distributor to the time of his retirement in 1897, and of Stella A. (Moody) Green, who was born in East Pittston, Maine, and who are now living in Worcester. Born in Worcester on August 30, 1880, Irving A. Green received his education in the public and high schools of his native city, and when his formal school training was completed, found his first employment with the Wire Goods Company, now one of the divisions of the Washburn Company of this city, beginning his connection with the concern in the capacity of office boy. During the more than two decades which have elapsed since then, he has continuously maintained his connection with this concern, filling at various times practically every position in the business and finally rising to the official position of secretary, which he now holds (1923). His interest, faithfulness, and ability have contributed largely to the progress of the business, and he is well known as one of the successful business men of Worcester. From 1907 to 1910 he was in Lowell, managing the Woods-Sherwood Company, the oldest manufacturers of wire goods in this country, and which the Wire Goods Company had purchased. In 1910 the business was transferred to Worcester, and Mr. Green returned to his native heath. From 1912 until 1915 his headquarters were in Chicago, where he was acting as superintendent of the Wire Hardware Company, the controlling interest of which had been purchased by the Wire Goods Company. That business later was consolidated with the Cassidy-Fairbanks Manufacturing Company, and it now forms one of the divisions of the Washburn Company. Mr. Green is well known in Masonic circles, being a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Worcester County Com-

mandery, No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Worcester County Music Association, and is treasurer of the Worcester Male Singers' Club, which is the successor of the old Board of Trade Glee Club. Mr. Green is gifted with a fine baritone voice, and is deeply interested in music. He is a member of the Economic Club, the Rotary Club, the Young Men's Christian Association, the American Society Mechanical Engineers, including its Worcester chapter, the Worcester County Mechanics' Association, and the Taylor Society. His religious affiliation is with the First Universalist Church of Worcester. For relaxation and recreation Mr. Green is much interested in photography.

He married, October 18, 1910, Mary R. Jones, a daughter of David Jones and Harriet L. (Knight) Jones; she was born in Stockbridge, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Green reside at No. 4 Chesterfield Road, Worcester, Massachusetts.

CHARLES H. DAVIS—A most active and interesting career, and also a most honorable one has been that of Charles H. Davis, who is now engaged in the real estate business in Athol, Massachusetts, his leading interest being the buying and remodeling of old houses which, when they have been transformed into attractive and convenient new houses, he sells. Mr. Davis has had a wide and varied business experience in several different lines of activity, and is also a well known musician.

Born in Orange, Massachusetts, December 19, 1851, Mr. Davis is a son of George W. and Mary A. (Hinds) Davis; the father of Orange and the mother of Hubbardston, Massachusetts. George W. Davis was engaged in farming to within fifteen or twenty years of the time of his death, which occurred at the summer home of his son, Charles H., when he was ninety-one years of age, and his wife died in Athol, Massachusetts, at the age of eighty-eight years. Charles H. Davis removed with his parents to Templeton, Massachusetts, when he was three years of age, and in the public schools of that city he received his education. When his high school course was completed, he found his first employment in the dry goods store of E. S. Read, and there he remained for a period of seven years, at the end of which time he purchased the interests of his employer and became the owner of the business. Two weeks later came a disastrous fire which was hard to bear. The building next door to his store was burned and the fire, spreading, destroyed Mr. Davis' store and merchandise as well. This was a heavy blow, for the fire had not only destroyed all that he owned, but it had left him with a burden of indebtedness amounting to \$3,000. His health failed somewhat, and in order to regain his strength, as well as to repair his financial losses, he obtained a position as salesman in the employ of a dry goods house. On September 2, 1877, he opened a real estate office in Orange, Massachusetts, still carrying a debt of \$3,000. His health by this time was somewhat improved, and he bent his energies to the task of clearing the debt. Within three years that feat was accomplished and he was once more a debt free man. Later he became sales manager for C. N. Stimpson, of Springfield, who was engaged in the manufacture of wooden legs and pianos. This connection he maintained for

some time, and then made a change, but soon returned, signing a three-year contract. The terms of the contract having been fulfilled, he returned to Orange, Massachusetts, and again entered the real estate business. After continuing successfully in that line for some time in Orange, he operated a real estate office in Athol, Massachusetts, and there he has continued to the present time. His chief interest is the buying of old homes, which he remodels and renovates and then sells. He has thus transformed more than one hundred old houses in Worcester County, making of decrepit, out-of-date and inconvenient homes, attractive and well-equipped dwelling places. In 1877 he started business in Orange, but some years later removed his headquarters to Athol, and in that place he has a record of having handled more than 800 real estate sales without ever having had a case at court. During Governor Russell's administration he was appointed Justice of the Peace and that office he has continued to hold to the present time. In addition to his business interests Mr. Davis has made for himself a wide reputation as a musician. He was a director of the choir of two churches in East Boston, and then came to Orange, Massachusetts, as organist and choir director for a group of churches. His wife, who had a fine soprano voice, worked with him until her health failed. Mr. Davis was also organist and choir director for two churches in Springfield, Massachusetts, and from the time he came to Athol until 1922, was organist and choir director for all the churches in that community. In 1922 he retired from church music work. Fraternally Mr. Davis is a member of Social Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious affiliation is with the First Congregational Church of Hubbardston, but he has always been an active worker in all churches, regardless of denominational interest.

Charles H. Davis married, on May 29, 1878, at East Boston, Hattie A. Morgan, of East Boston, daughter of Captain J. and Azuba (Gates) Morgan.

JOSEPHINE W. SPIDEL—The distinction of owning and operating one of the old established businesses in Clinton, and the leader in its line, belongs to Miss Josephine W. Spidel, of the Spidel Studios, at No. 28 High Street. Miss Spidel, as well as both her parents, is a native of Nova Scotia her birthplace being South Brookfield, Queens County, of that province. Her father, Jacob Spidel, who was born in Lunenburg County, was a prosperous farmer, engaging in that occupation until his death in 1918. Her mother, who was born at Harmony, Queens County, died in 1911.

When she was twenty-three years of age, Miss Spidel went to Boston to seek opportunities for her talents, having taken up the study of art in her native country. She worked in various positions in Boston, Massachusetts, until 1905 when she came to Clinton and purchased the studios she now owns and manages. These were originally established before the Civil War. They were owned for some years by a Mr. Boynton, then were later acquired and operated by J. E. Harvey, who conducted the business under the name of the Harvey Studios for sixteen years. Miss Spidel purchased the establishment from Mr. Harvey and changed the name to the Spidel Studios, which is as it now stands. The years of successful experience Miss Spidel brings to her

business enables her to handle all classes of photographic work, both in the commercial and portrait departments, while her equipment is complete and of the most modern type, all combining to sustain a high reputation for the large output of art work she supplies to the residents and business houses of Clinton. Miss Spidel is a woman of fine character and progressive spirit, and takes an interest in whatever contributes to the best welfare of the community of which she is a part. In her religious affiliation she is a member of the Baptist church of Clinton.

CLARENCE M. NASH—Holding a responsible position in the public trust as cashier of the First National Bank of Webster, Massachusetts, Clarence M. Nash is one of the well known figures in this community, where he was born and reared, and which he has made the scene of his life work. Devoting his entire attention to one line of endeavor, the life history of Mr. Nash might be summed up in a very few words, but the effort and steadfastness of purpose which has marked his career, might well be enumerated among those forces which count for the permanent stability and prosperity of the community. Mr. Nash is a son of Richard E. Nash, who was born at Northampton, Massachusetts, and was engaged in the textile industry until his death, which occurred in 1880. The mother, Lorena (Pit-singer) Nash, was born at West Hampton, Massachusetts, and died in the year 1916.

Clarence M. Nash was born at Webster, Massachusetts, August 2, 1866. His education was received in the local public schools, and on completing his studies, he became associated with the First National Bank of Webster, in a minor capacity. Mr. Nash has remained with this institution, without interruption, throughout the entire intervening period of some thirty-eight years, and in his organization he has risen to positions of large responsibility until now he is cashier of the bank, which office he has filled for a number of years. This is one of the old and substantial financial institutions of Worcester County, and has borne a part during its entire progress in the general prosperity of the community. Mr. Nash is also treasurer of the Webster Co-operative Bank, which position he has filled for twenty years. He has long been active as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Public Library, and served on the Building Committee for the Corbin Public Library. Mr. Nash has been active as Town Auditor for the past decade, but except for this responsible office he has never accepted public honors. Fraternally Mr. Nash is affiliated with Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Masons and the Royal Arcanum, of which he has been treasurer for many years. He attends the Baptist church of Webster, and has been treasurer of the church society for eleven years, also for twenty years has been organist of this church.

Mr. Nash married, on October 12, 1892, Maude E. Nichols, who was born in Webster, Massachusetts, and they have two daughters: Dorothy, wife of Earl W. Brailey, of Manchester, New Hampshire; and Janet S.

JOHN A. MONAHAN—A man whose thorough education, broad knowledge, and extensive experience in his profession make for him a leading place among

the physicians of this county is John A. Monahan, M. D., of Clinton, Massachusetts. Dr. Monahan came originally from Boylston, this State, where he was born October 27, 1879, coming to Clinton with his parents when a boy. His father, Michael Monahan, was a native of County Mayo, Ireland, and followed the occupation of gardener throughout his life here, his death occurring in 1919. His mother, who was born at South Hadley Falls, died in 1918.

After acquiring his early education in the public schools of Clinton, Dr. Monahan entered the University of Maryland, whence he was graduated after completing a two years' preparatory course. He then entered Tufts Medical College, graduating from that institution with the class of 1903, and receiving with his diploma the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Following this, Dr. Monahan spent two years in the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Hospital as a member of the outpatient clinic, and at the same time was taking post-graduate work in Carney Hospital. The succeeding six months he was in New York City at the Post Graduate Hospital, as an eye and ear specialist, after which he took a special post-graduate course at Harvard. After a year's illness, in 1917, Dr. Monahan took up his practice in Clinton as a specialist, and is engaged in practice there, serving a large clientele. He is on the surgical staff of the Clinton Hospital, serving in the departments of otology, phinology, and ophthalmology. Dr. Monahan maintains two offices in Clinton, one at No. 181 Chestnut Street, corner of Union Street, and the other in his home at No. 59 Oak Street.

Dr. Monahan keeps well informed on all points concerning the development of his profession, and has membership in the American Medical Society, Massachusetts State Medical Society, the Worcester District Medical Society, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otology. He was a member of the local Board of Health during the years 1908-09-10-11-12-13, and chairman of that body during his last three years of office. He takes an interest in all phases of local life of the community—social, civic, and religious,—is a member of the Roman Catholic church, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, and is active in Clinton Council, Knights of Columbus. Dr. Monahan is very fond of horseback riding and of walking, also automobiling.

FREDERICK W. HOLDEN—A record of long and honorable service in the employ of a single institution is the history of Frederick W. Holden, secretary and treasurer of the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company, who has been with this company for more than a quarter of a century. Mr. Holden's rise from a subordinate position has been attained by steady application to the affairs of the institution and unceasing discharge of duty, and his activities have counted in a marked degree for the growth and progress of the concern.

The name of Holden is one of the oldest in Massachusetts among the families who came to the western world from England, Mr. Holden being the ninth generation from the immigrant who settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts, about 1639, later receiving a grant of land in Groton, Massachusetts. Mr. Holden is the fifth generation of Holdens residing at Shirley, Massachusetts. Luke Holden, his grandfather, was a prominent figure

in the business and public life of Shirley, and married Mary Nutting. Nelson A. Holden, Mr. Holden's father, was born at Shirley, and was active as a blacksmith throughout his career, spending his lifetime in his native place and passing away in the year 1913. He married Martha A. Whitcomb, daughter of Oliver Warren and Martha M. (Burgess) Whitcomb, these names also tracing back to Colonial days in New England.

Frederick W. Holden was born at Shirley, Massachusetts, September 24, 1882. His education was begun in the public schools of Shirley, later attending Fitchburg Business College. He also covered an extension course in law with the Lincoln-Jefferson University, of Chicago, Illinois, receiving from that institution, in 1910, the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and in 1918 the degree of Master of Laws. Meanwhile, Mr. Holden's career began shortly after his graduation from business school, when he accepted a clerkship with the Fitchburg Trust Company. This was in 1898, and three years later he was advanced to the position of teller. In 1906 he was for a time identified in the capacity of bookkeeper with the Rollstone National Bank, but before the close of the year became bookkeeper for the former concern, then known as the Fitchburg Safe Deposit & Trust Company. In 1912 Mr. Holden was made assistant secretary of this company and served in that capacity until 1916, then with the reorganization of the company he was also made treasurer, under the new title of the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company. On July 1, 1917, he was elected treasurer of the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company, and in April, 1918, the duties of secretary were added to his responsibilities.

The history of the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company reaches back to April 2, 1832, now upwards of one hundred years. On that date the first meeting was held of the stockholders of the Fitchburg Bank, the forerunner of the present institution. This meeting was held at Harvey Alden's Hotel, and Rev. Charles Hudson, of Westminster, Massachusetts, was made chairman, Ebenezer Torrey acting as secretary. The act of incorporation having been passed by the Legislature and approved by Governor Levi Lincoln on February 28 of the same year, this act was accepted by the organization, also by-laws were approved. The first board of directors comprised: Francis Perkins, Ivers Jewett, Benjamin Snow, Abial J. Towne, Charles W. Wilder, Nathaniel Wood, David Boutelle, George H. Hills, Nathaniel Rand, Calvin Townsley, David T. Brigham, and Timothy Doty; the officers being: Francis Perkins, president; Ebenezer Torrey, cashier; and Nathaniel Wood, solicitor. The first change of the personnel of the bank was the death of Mr. Perkins, which occurred in August, 1859, thus the presidency was left vacant. Captain Ephraim Murdock, of Winchendon, was made acting president temporarily, and in October of the same year Ebenezer Torrey was made president and Charles J. Billings, who had been clerk, succeeded him as cashier. Other changes were made from time to time as the hand of death removed honored officials, or illness compelled some member of the organization to lay aside his work. The national charter was renewed in 1885 and renewed a second time in 1905. The progress of the institution kept pace with the growth and development of the city of Fitchburg, and on April 1, 1914, this

institution was consolidated with the Fitchburg Safe Deposit & Trust Company, under the present title of Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company.

Nearly as far back in the history of local financial affairs, the organization of the Rollstone Bank was effected on November 24, 1849. Moses Wood was the first president of this institution, and Lewis H. Bradford the first cashier, this concern prospered steadily, and its customers and depositors were drawn from a very wide surrounding country. It was rechartered under the national system March 8, 1865, about two months earlier than the Fitchburg Bank. Changes in banking laws diverted the activities of this institution somewhat from the original course, and on February 24, 1906, it was decided to go into voluntary liquidation to bring about an absorption of this institution by the Fitchburg Safe Deposit & Trust Company. The interests of the organizations have since been identical, and their affairs have been conducted under one title and under the same management. Since April 1, 1914, active as the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company, this institution now is officered as follows: H. G. Townend, president; J. Lovell Johnson, Alvah Crocker, George R. Wallace, vice-presidents; Frederick W. Holden, treasurer and secretary; Frank H. Brown, assistant treasurer; and John B. Fellows, assistant treasurer. Its deposits now amount to more than \$4,000,000, and it is considered one of the most thoroughly substantial organizations of its kind in Worcester County.

In other activities also, Mr. Holden is prominently identified with local advance. He served as Assistant Town Clerk of the town of Shirley, where he resides, during the year 1908-9. He was Auditor of this town in 1910-11-12, and from 1913 to 1919 was treasurer of the town. During the World War Mr. Holden served on the War Savings Stamp Committee of the city of Fitchburg, and was also an active member of the Liberty Loan Committee of the town of Shirley. He is a member of the Boston City Club, the Fay Club, of Fitchburg; and the Leominster and Oak Hill Country clubs.

CLARENCE A. BUTTRICK—One of the long honored figures in community and industrial advance in Sterling, Massachusetts, is Clarence A. Buttrick, whose activities have followed most practical lines while his progressive spirit and genial personality have commended him to the respect and confidence of all. Mr. Buttrick is a native and lifelong resident of Sterling, and while he has never been a leader of public thought or activity he has borne a practical and constructive part in all that tends to encourage worthy citizenship. He is a member of an old family of this section, and a grandson of Francis Buttrick, who settled in Sterling many years ago. He married Ruhamah Buss, and their son, J. Sawyer Buttrick, became a prominent citizen of Sterling.

Clarence A. Buttrick was born in Sterling, Massachusetts, May 29, 1859, and is a son of J. Sawyer and Elizabeth (Richardson) Buttrick. His mother, who was a daughter of William and Prudence (Burpee) Richardson, was born and always lived in Sterling. His education was received in the public schools of his birthplace, and when still a young lad he began to learn the carpenter's trade. Mastering this trade, Mr. Buttrick

was active along this line of endeavor for many years and still continues in a desultory way, occasionally doing a little carpenter work. His chief interest, however, is his fine modern farm and a brick manufacturing interest in the making of eave troughs, and he also repairs these very necessary adjuncts to building construction. Mr. Buttrick conducts diversified activities on his fine farming land, and is considered one of the up-to-date and progressive farmers of the day. In his local activities as a citizen of Sterling, Mr. Buttrick supports the Republican party, but has never been active in public affairs except as a member of the Board of Assessors for two years, and for nine years as a member of the Cemetery Committee. Fraternally he is affiliated with Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Clinton; Clinton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Trinity Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Hudson, Massachusetts; and Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar. He attends the Unitarian church.

Clarence A. Buttrick married, at Clinton, Massachusetts, December 16, 1885, Mabel S. Winditt, born in Clinton, daughter of Robert and Sarah C. (Berry) Winditt, her father a son of John and Phoebe (Banham) Winditt, natives of Banham, England, her mother a daughter of William and Sarah (Brown) Berry, natives of Poland, Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Buttrick have one daughter, Mabel Elizabeth, born March 1, 1906, a graduate of the Clinton (Massachusetts) High School.

JAMES M. BUCK, who stands among the prominent business executives of Worcester County, Massachusetts, to-day, has been active since the completion of his education in the manufacture of chairs, first with his father, a veteran chair producer of Sterling, Massachusetts, and since the death of his father, in an independent way. Mr. Buck had a practical educational preparation for his life work, and with his natural business ability and the energy which he gives to the affairs over which he has supervision, he has gained an enviable position in the business world. He is a member of an old and honored family of Worcester County, his grandfather, James O. Buck, having settled in this section many years ago. James O. Buck became a prominent farmer of Princeton, Massachusetts, and was the founder of the present chair industry. Eugene R. Buck, his son and Mr. Buck's father, was for many years head of the chair factory, continuing as active manager of the business until his death, which occurred May 13, 1915. He married Ellen A. Reed, also a member of an old New England family.

James M. Buck was born in Princeton, Massachusetts, October 14, 1891. Following his attendance in the public schools of his birthplace, he covered a course at Becker's Business College, of Worcester, Massachusetts, then became associated with his father in the manufacture of chairs in the Sterling factory. The original firm of T. & E. R. Buck established factories in both Sterling and West Sterling, and the enterprises have now been active for a period of half a century. Following the death of his father, James M. Buck operated the Sterling plant for his uncle for some time, later buying the Sterling plant and incorporating in September, 1923, Mr. Buck becoming president and treasurer. He has commanded the esteem and confidence of all

who come in touch with his activities and is considered one of the leading business men of Sterling. A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Buck has been active as chairman of the Republican Town Committee for the past seven years, and for three years has served on the School Committee. During the World War he served as a member of the Massachusetts State Guard, and also devoted much time and attention to the home endeavors of the period. Fraternally, Mr. Buck is affiliated with Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Clinton, Massachusetts; Clinton Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; also is a member of the Grotto Club, of Worcester, and the Masonic Club of Leominster, Massachusetts. He attends the Congregational church.

James M. Buck married, at Worcester, Massachusetts, November 19, 1913, Ida M. Haynes, daughter of Benjamin Haynes, a prominent citizen of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Buck have one daughter, Pauline E., born in Sterling, Massachusetts, October 27, 1915.

FRED CHESTER HARRINGTON, JR.—In the field which in recent years has come to be considered a fine art because of the achievements of its patrons and devotees—photography—Fred Chester Harrington, Jr., is one of the most successful men of the day in Northern Worcester County, and with interests centering at Athol, Massachusetts, is achieving marked distinction in this art and contributing in a definite way to its progress.

Mr. Harrington comes of an old Worcester County family, and is a son of Fred Chester Harrington, Sr., who was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts, December 8, 1854, and died September 23, 1909. He was a stationary engineer by trade, and was employed for many years by the Barker Lumber Company of Woburn, Massachusetts, and later by the Ayers Laundry & Dye Works of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. When he was somewhat advanced in years he sustained a paralytic shock, which he survived and lived for eleven years thereafter. The mother, Julia Viola (Cochran) Harrington, was born in Fitchburg, December 8, 1855, and died January 21, 1892.

Fred Chester Harrington, Jr., was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, December 12, 1879. There he attended the primary and grammar schools and was graduated from the latter in June, 1895. He attended high school for one year, then leaving school before the completion of the course, entered the employ of the Ayers Laundry and Dye Works of Fitchburg, where he was active for two years. Then he went to Brockton, Massachusetts, where he learned photography, while at the same time he was active in the shoe trade. In the latter connection he was employed successively in the Douglas & Keith factories in Brockton, his work being treeing. Coming to Athol in 1912, he was active in the employ of the Athol Manufacturing Company for about four years, filling the position of foreman. He then turned to photography as a profession, and his wisdom in making this change was evident, as his success has since been definite. Mr. Harrington has been largely successful in this field and has done much artistically excellent work in portraits, enlarging, copying, and so forth, and the constant demand for professional finishing of amateur work has led him to specialize in this branch, in

which he attains excellent results. Public spirited at all times and interested in all that pertains to civic advance, Mr. Harrington supports the Republican party, but has never sought nor desired public honors. During the World War he devoted his time largely to the home efforts in support of the American Expeditionary Forces, and was an active member of the Red Cross for two years. He supported generously every good cause, giving the Salvation Army and every drive the aid of his earnest efforts and generous contributions. Fraternally Mr. Harrington is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has been through all chairs, Chaplain, Vice-Grand, Noble Grand, and now Past Grand. He is a member also of the Knights of Pythias and the Sons of Veterans, and he is a member of the Sons of Veterans Club and the Knights of Pythias Club, both of Athol. He is affiliated with the Baptist church.

Mr. Harrington married, in Rockland, Massachusetts, May 4, 1901, Myrtle Hall, who was born at Brockton, Massachusetts, November 4, 1885, and was educated in the Brockton public and high schools. She was identified with the Dennison Manufacturing Company of South Framingham, Massachusetts, for three years before her marriage. Mrs. Harrington is a daughter of Emery Hall, who was one of thirteen children, and spent his boyhood in Natick, Massachusetts, then for thirty-two years was coal yard foreman at Natick, and now is janitor of the Grand Army of the Republic Hall, also of Natick. Mrs. Harrington's mother, Lizzie (Jones) Hall, was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, educated in the public schools of that city, and died December 30, 1916. Fred Chester, Jr., and Myrtle (Hall) Harrington are the parents of three children: George B., born November 25, 1913; Frederick C., born February 12, 1915; and Arline C., born February 9, 1922.

PATRICK J. COTTER—An interesting industry in the city of Worcester is carried forward in the plant of Patrick J. Cotter, at No. 104 Commercial Street, where are manufactured fine and durable handmade horse collars. Mr. Cotter, who learned his trade in his native Ireland, has successfully followed this business, and in this day when machinery has taken the place of every kind of hand labor, still gives individual attention to the production of horse collars, and fortunate are the animals whose owners are deeply enough interested in their comfort and welfare to provide them with the individually fitted collars from the Cotter factory.

James Cotter, Mr. Cotter's father, was a maker of horse collars in Ireland. Born in County Waterford, he learned the trade in his youth, and followed this line of endeavor throughout his lifetime, passing away in 1906. He married Katherine Foley, who also was born in County Waterford, Ireland. She survived him only for a comparatively short period, and died the following year.

Patrick J. Cotter was born in County Waterford, Ireland, November 3, 1870. His education was acquired in the national schools of the locality, and upon completing his studies he learned from his father the trade of making horse collars. Following that line of endeavor in Ireland until the year 1892, Mr. Cotter then came to America and located at Worcester, Massachusetts. Here he became associated with L. Fitzgerald,

who established this business in 1885, of which Mr. Cotter is now the owner. Fifteen years after entering Mr. Fitzgerald's employ Mr. Cotter was received as a partner, and under the firm name of Fitzgerald & Cotter the enterprise prospered largely. Upon the retirement of the founder, in 1916, Mr. Cotter purchased his share in the business and has since continued independently, holding a leading position in his field in New England. This business originally was located at No. 63 Exchange Street, Worcester, where it remained until 1897, when it was removed to the old skating rink on Foster Street. More suitable quarters were shortly found at No. 144 Commercial Street, and the enterprise was carried forward at that address until 1923, when it was removed to the present location at No. 104 Commercial Street. In the work that Mr. Cotter is doing he is filling a definite need in the industrial world, for although the automobile has in a large measure superseded the horse, there still remain many of the patient animals to whom the intelligent and scientific fit of the collar is vitally important, and in the preservation of the old New England hand-made horse collar to the use of horse owners of the present day Mr. Cotter is doing much for the welfare of the valued friend and servant of man. Mr. Cotter is widely prominent in fraternal circles, being Past Faithful Navigator of the fourth degree, Knights of Columbus; a member of Worcester Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Order of the Alhambra, the Irish National Foresters, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Emmet Guards Veteran Corps, the United Commercial Travelers' Association, the Utica Commercial Travelers, also of the American Horse Association, and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He served for three years as a member of the Emmet Guards of Worcester, as private (1892-95). He attends the Roman Catholic Church of the Ascension.

Mr. Cotter married, in 1897, Julia A. Burke, who was born in Worcester, and they are the parents of one son, Francis P., who was born October 8, 1898, and served in the Students' Army Training Corps, at Holy Cross College, during the World War. He is one of the popular and promising young men of Worcester, and is associated with his father in the business.

DANIEL J. REAGAN, one of the successful business men of Worcester County, is secretary of The Viscoloid Company of Leominster, Massachusetts. Mr. Reagan is a native of Leominster and practically his entire life to the present time (1923) has been spent in that city.

Mr. Reagan is a son of Daniel F. and Katherine (Mara) Reagan, the former of whom is engaged in business as a painter. After attending the public schools of his native district he further prepared for an active career by taking a commercial course in Eastman's National Business College of Poughkeepsie, New York, and then in 1902 entered the employ of The Voscoloid Company as bookkeeper. He gave careful attention to the duties of his position, devoting his ability to the advancement of the interests of the firm with which he was identified, and at the end of ten years was admitted to membership in the firm and elected secretary of the concern, which official position he has continued to hold



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to the present time. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the Leominster Club, the Monoosnock Country Club, and the Oak Hill Country Club, of Fitchburg, and his religious affiliation is with St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church.

Daniel J. Reagan married, at Lexington, Massachusetts, in 1906, Elizabeth E. Murphy, and they are the parents of two children: Daniel J., Jr., who was born October 11, 1912; and Frances E., born May 21, 1915.

ALBERT C. BROWN, an honored figure in the world of finance of Worcester County, Massachusetts, for nearly twelve years has filled the largely responsible position of treasurer of the Worcester North Savings Institution, of Fitchburg. Mr. Brown has been identified with this institution for more than forty-two years and has risen in the organization from a subordinate position to his present office. The tenacity of purpose and faithful service which are thus exemplified are worthy of the highest commendation, and Mr. Brown is esteemed by all with whom he comes in contact.

The Brown family has been prominent in the State of Massachusetts for several generations, Oliver Brown, Mr. Brown's grandfather, having settled in Royalston many years ago. He married Sarah Clark, and they were the parents of David S. Brown, who later removed to Ashburnham, Massachusetts, and was active there and in Fitchburg as a painter until his death, at a comparatively early age, in the year 1885. He married Elizabeth Gardner, granddaughter of Captain Gardner, who fought in the battle of Bunker Hill on the side of the Colonies during the Revolutionary War. She died in the year 1901.

Albert C. Brown, son of David S. and Elizabeth (Gardner) Brown, was born at Ashburnham, Massachusetts, November 29, 1859. His education was begun in the local public schools, and at the age of nine years the family removing to Fitchburg, he continued the grammar course here. Later attending Fitchburg High School, his studies were completed at the Worcester State Normal School, and in the year 1881 he entered the Worcester North Savings Institution, in the capacity of office boy. Not many years later Mr. Brown was advanced to teller, and on January 6, 1896, was promoted to assistant treasurer. In this office he served until the death of Henry A. Willis, then in January, 1912, he was made treasurer of this institution. He has fulfilled the duties of this responsible position ably and well, and commands the respect and confidence of his associates and contemporaries. Fraternally Mr. Brown is identified with the Royal Arcanum, and for many years has been active along various lines of welfare and other endeavors. He has been treasurer of the Fitchburg Young Men's Christian Association since the year 1887. During the years 1917-19 he served on the Liberty Loan Committee. He is a member of the Fay Club, and the Oak Hill Country Club, both of Fitchburg.

Albert C. Brown married, on April 6, 1893, at Schenectady, New York, Anna B. See, daughter of Rev. William G. and Margaret B. (Van Dyck) See, of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of three children: 1. Margaret V. D., who was born April 11, 1895, is a graduate of Dr. Sargent's School, of

Cambridge, and taught physical training in the public schools of Fitchburg until her marriage. She is now the wife of David H. McIntyre, who is stationed at Key West, Florida, as chief electrician and radio operator for the United States Navy. During the World War Mr. McIntyre served as radio officer attached to Admiral Sim's flagship, in foreign waters. 2. Gardner W., was born April 22, 1898, and following his high school course covered a comprehensive course in electrical engineering at Worcester Technical Institute, later receiving his degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan. During the World War he was active with the Officers' Reserve Training Corps, at Worcester Technical Institute. 3. William Lee, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, October 28, 1901, is a graduate of Boston University, class of 1922, and spent one year as student banker in the Federal Reserve Bank in New York City. Since July, 1923, he has been attached to the foreign department of the First National Bank of Boston.

LOUIS A. MCCARTHY—The electrical business which Mr. McCarthy owns in Leominster, Massachusetts, is the largest dealing in electrical goods in this city, and is the result of his tireless efforts to make it a flourishing concern. He is a son of Owen E. McCarthy, a native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and engaged in the foundry business until death, and Bridget F. (Lennon) McCarthy, a native of Ireland, and still living in Leominster.

Louis A. McCarthy was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, July 3, 1877, and educated there in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1896. For three years thereafter he worked at various things and finally decided to learn the electrical business by serving an apprenticeship. In 1909 he became associated with the Leominster Electrical Company as an electrician, and rose to manager before severing his connections with the company in 1917 to become the proprietor of his present business. He located at No. 67 Main Street, where, in addition to electrical contracting, he carries a general line of electrical goods and supplies, and is agent for the General Electric motors and lamps. Mr. McCarthy is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In religion he is a communicant in St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in Leominster.

Mr. McCarthy married, on January 27, 1902, Abbie F. Stone, of Leominster, daughter of Augustus and Bridget (Gleason) Stone. Mrs. McCarthy is a member of the Leominster Country Club.

WILLIAM P. MALLAHY, who has won success in the undertaking business in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, is one of the progressive men of the day in Northern Worcester County, and is also well known through his service in the World War. A native of this State, he is a son of Michael and Margaret (Ryan) Mallahy, his paternal grandfather, Patrick Mallahy, being a noted figure in this section, a generation or two ago, and his maternal grandfather, Patrick Ryan, also being a worthy and respected citizen. Michael Mallahy was active in the grocery business in Fiskdale, Massachusetts, until his death, which occurred October 5, 1920.

William P. Mallahy was born in Fiskdale, Massa-

chusetts, October 4, 1893. His education was begun in the public schools of Fiskdale, and he later attended Hitchcock Academy, at Brimfield, Massachusetts, then for about two years he was active as a bookkeeper in the employ of A. D. Cornell, a prominent coal dealer of Southbridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Mallahy, however, was ambitious to better himself, and determining to follow this line of endeavor, took a course at the New England Institute of Anatomy and Embalming. His graduation occurred in the year 1918, and before setting out upon his career he enlisted in the World War as a member of the 314 Infantry, 79th Division. He was stationed at Camp Meade until sailing overseas on July 7, 1918, and landing at Brest, France, on the fifteenth of the same month. He was detailed to a German prison camp at Souilly, France, where he remained for about eight months, and embarked for America from Brest on February 26, 1919. Receiving his honorable discharge from the service at Camp Devens on the seventeenth of the following month, Mr. Mallahy returned to civilian life, locating in Fitchburg. Here he purchased the interest of the J. J. Phelan undertaking establishment, at No. 204 Water Street, Fitchburg. He has since been at the head of this business and, following progressive lines, has won marked success. Mr. Mallahy has a thoroughly complete and modern equipment, and is commanding an extensive and high-class patronage. He is well known in fraternal circles, holding the fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus, also being a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Fitchburg Post, No. 10, American Legion; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a member of the Columbian Club, and attends St. Bernard's Church, also being a member of the Holy Name Society of that church.

William P. Mallahy married, on August 27, 1923, Julia Dacey, daughter of the late Patrick and Bridget (McGurn) Dacey.

JOHN LEE FAIRWEATHER, prominent in the manufacturing world of Worcester County, has won large success as a manufacturer of felt, satin, leather, and novelty slippers. Mr. Fairweather is a native of the city of Worcester, and a son of Samuel A. Fairweather, who was born at Collina, New Brunswick, Canada, and has spent the greater part of his life in the United States. He has for many years been a leading contractor of the city of Worcester. The mother, Melvina (Joynes) Fairweather, was also born at Collina, New Brunswick, Canada, and is residing in Worcester.

John Lee Fairweather was born September 29, 1892, in Worcester, Massachusetts. His education was acquired in the public schools of Worcester and New York City, where the family lived for a time. After completing his studies he entered the employ of a corset factory and spent ten years in this connection. During that period he was one of the organizers of the New England Corset Company, of Worcester, which, however, was sold in 1919. During his activity as a leading executive of this concern, the New England Corset Company handled large government contracts for hospital corps belts, trench fans, and so forth. He disposed of his interest in the above concern in 1919 and bought out the present slipper factory. With his wide experience in

general factory management and the administration of industrial affairs, he took up the responsibilities of this interest with efficiency and energy, and its growth has been marked during the comparatively few years in which he has stood at the head. He has extended the scope of the business materially, and now manufactures practically every kind of slipper, plain and fancy, of such materials as felt, satin, leather, and so forth, for men, women and children. He thus covers the entire field in the manufacture of slippers. With a floor space of 15,000 square feet, this plant is one of the large and important slipper factories in Worcester County. As the executive head of this interest, which is known as the New England Slipper Company, Incorporated, Mr. Fairweather is a prominent figure in the industrial world in the city of Worcester. He fills the offices of president and treasurer, and his large ability is counting for the progress of the concern. Mr. Fairweather is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and while he has few interests except those of a business nature, he is a prominent member of Morning Star Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar; the consistory at Boston; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston.

Mr. Fairweather married Marion G. Banister, who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and they have one daughter, Marion Jean, also born in Worcester.

JOHN W. PARSHLEY, as treasurer of the Fitchburg Coöperative Bank, holds a prominent position in the financial world of Northern Worcester County and other business affiliations, also wide experience in business activities make him one of the well known executives of the day. Mr. Parshley is a grandson of John Woodside and Mary (Rogers) Parshley, former residents of Lewiston, Maine, and a son of Benjamin G. and Eva O. (Prouty) Parshley. His father, who was a carpenter by trade, died at a comparatively early age in 1908.

John W. Parshley was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, September 28, 1891. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he later made special preparations for a commercial career at the Fitchburg Business College. Meanwhile, at the age of thirteen years, Mr. Parshley secured employment in the Worsted Mills as band boy, then later was employed in the Iver Johnson Cycle Works. He next acted as clerk in a grocery store, then spent a year in a shoe factory, operating a heeling machine. His next experience was in the employ of the Oswald Mill, as roving boy, later working on the slubbers in the same mill for about three years. He was then active for about one year as office secretary of the Fitchburg Young Men's Christian Association, after which he accepted a position as clerk in the Fitchburg Safe Deposit and Trust Company, now known as the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company. This position he filled for about six years, then for one year acted as office manager of the Diadem Manufacturing Company of Fitchburg. In 1918 Mr. Parshley was made treasurer of the Fitchburg Coöperative Bank, in which capacity he still serves, thereby bearing a very

practical part in present day advance in Northern Worcester County.

Fraternally he is affiliated with Charles W. Moore Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fitchburg; and is a member of the Clark S. Simons Camp, Sons of Veterans. He received military training at Plattsburg, New York, in the year 1916, but was never called into active service. Mr. Parshley supports the Republican party, but has never thus far taken any leading position in political affairs. He attends the Universalist church.

John W. Parshley married, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, May 7, 1917, Bertha May Joslin, daughter of Fred and Thekla (Becker) Joslin, and they have one daughter, Priscilla, born in Fitchburg, June 3, 1919.

NORMAN HARROWER was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, July 29, 1887, the son of Dr. David and Mary (Struthers) Harrower, for many years residents of that city, the father a leading physician. His education was begun in the private schools of his birthplace, and after completing the high school course he entered Harvard University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Thereafter entering the employ of the Springfield & Worcester Street Railway Company, he was engaged with that concern for about two years, then became associated with the Crocker Burbank Company, of Fitchburg, leading paper manufacturers. In this connection Mr. Harrower made a point of thoroughly mastering the business, and familiarized himself with the various department of paper manufacture by the practical method of experience. He then became identified with Linton Brothers, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where he was active as an employee until May, 1913, when he became a member of the firm. In March, 1919, he became owner of this business and took over the personal management of its activities. Later discontinuing the interest at Pawtucket and removing the plant to Fitchburg, he has since been active here both as manufacturer and as manufacturer's agent, handling the product of many New England mills in addition to his own.

Enlisting for service in the World War, in May, 1917, he was first stationed at Plattsburg, New York, where he received his commission as captain. Transferred to Camp Devens, he was there assigned to Division Headquarters, where he was active until July, 1918. Then sailing overseas, Captain Harrower was attached to the Depot Division and served at St. Amand and later in the region of Commercy. Returning to America in April, 1919, Captain Harrower received his honorable discharge from the service at Camp Devens on the first day of the following month. Resuming the affairs of civilian life he has since been active along the same line of endeavor as prior to his military service. His other business affiliations include a trusteeship in the Fitchburg Savings Bank, and a directorship in the Fitchburg Bank & Trust Company. He is a member of the Fay Club of Fitchburg; also of the Oak Hill Country Club.

Norman Harrower married, on September 4, 1920, at Ogunquit, Maine, Harriett Greeley, daughter of Frederick and Florence (Arnold) Greeley, of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Harrower have one child, Norman, Jr., born September 23, 1921.

JOSEPH A. LOWE—The life work of Mr. Lowe has been in the paper industry, and he is now head of the Falulah Paper Company, whose specialty is coated cardboard for advertising cards. Mr. Lowe entered the business world in the industry of which his father was one of the founders, and growing up with the business he has made it his principal interest. A native of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where his interests have always centered, Mr. Lowe is a son of Albert N. Lowe, who was born in Rindge, New Hampshire, March 12, 1852, and with his uncle, Seth L. Lowe, established the present enterprise in the year 1885. Albert N. Lowe is a man of large ability and practical experience. He carried the plant to a position of assured success, then on to leadership in its field; but for a number of years he has been retired from active participation in the affairs of the concern, except as a director, and has turned over his responsibilities to his son, whose name heads this review.

Joseph A. Lowe was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, January 20, 1883. Receiving his early education in the public schools of that city, he also attended high school, then entered Amherst College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1904, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He later took a partial course at Harvard Law School, and upon his return to Fitchburg entered the employ of the Falulah Paper Company. The product of this concern is wholly absorbed by the advertising trade, and the company's high standard of quality has kept the concern in the forefront in their field. Joseph A. Lowe at the beginning took a subordinate position in the office force, and familiarizing himself with every detail of the business, rose to the position of general manager and treasurer, which he now fills ably and efficiently. He has various other business affiliations, being a director of the Fitchburg Safety Fund National Bank, and a director of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce. He is prominent in social circles, holding membership in the Fay Club, also in the Oak Hill Country Club, in both of which he has been active as a director. He has also taken an active interest in the work of the local Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association, Visiting Nurses' Association, and other charitable organizations. He is considered a broadly representative citizen of Worcester County.

Mr. Lowe married Anne F. Kimball, who was born in Boothbay, Maine.

WILLIAM K. MORSE, for more than three decades, has been associated with the trucking business which now operates in Leominster and the surrounding territory, under the name of W. K. Morse & Company. He also has the largest garage for storage in the city of Leominster.

Curtis G. Morse, father of William K. and Clifton G., whose sketch follows, was a native of Lancaster, Massachusetts. After receiving a practical education in the public schools of his native district, he engaged in the trucking business, and in 1886 established, in Leominster, the concern which is now known as that of W. K. Morse & Company. During the Civil War he served as a private with the 36th Massachusetts Infantry, and he was to the time of his death a member of Charles

A. Stevens Post, No. 53, Grand Army of the Republic. He died December 3, 1898. He married Charlotte Killburn, who was born December 25, 1842, daughter of Asa Killburn.

William K. Morse was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, May 14, 1868, and after completing his course of study in the public schools became his father's associate in the trucking business. That connection was maintained until 1898, when he took over the entire business, and since that time he has continued to develop a most successful and lucrative enterprise. He does both light and heavy hauling, making a specialty of long distance work, and his business methods are both efficient and satisfactory to the public. His clearly worked out schedule of prices is public property, and his patrons are never left in doubt as to the actual expense of a prospective "haul." In addition to his trucking business Mr. Morse built, in 1920, a large garage for storage, which he has continued to conduct to the present time. It is the largest garage of its kind in the city, and is kept well filled. During the World War Mr. Morse enlisted and served in the United States Army from 1917 to 1919, in Company D, 101st Supply Train, Mobile Repair No. 1, and 106th Supply Company, Massachusetts National Guard. Eighteen months of this time was spent in France, and in 1919 he was discharged with the rank of top sergeant. Fraternally Mr. Morse is a member of Leominster Lodge, No. 86, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Leominster Lodge, No. 1237, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Leominster Post, No. 151, American Legion; and Leominster Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He has always taken an active interest in the welfare of Leominster, and is one of the active members of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce. For eight years he served as Chief of the fire department and for eighteen years rendered efficient service as call man.

William K. Morse married (first), on December 3, 1890, Florence A. Haley, who was born in Groton, Massachusetts, and died in 1905. He married (second), July 15, 1914, Gazena Oakes, who was born in Watertown, New York. The children of the first marriage are: Mabelle, deceased; Ray C., who served for four years in the United States Navy, from 1910 to 1914; Harold S., who served during the World War on the United States ship "Houston," with the rank of able seaman.

CLIFTON G. MORSE, one of the native-born sons of Leominster, Massachusetts, who, after beginning his active career in one of the industrial plants of the city, has become part owner of a prosperous and growing business concern, is Clifton G. Morse, who, since 1913, has been a member of the W. K. Morse & Company concern, engaged in light and heavy trucking in all its branches.

Born in Leominster, Massachusetts, July 13, 1882, son of Curtis G. and Charlotte (Killburn) Morse, Clifton G. Morse received a good, practical education in the public schools of his native city, including the high school, and when school days were over found employment in a comb factory, where he remained for a period of five years. He then left the comb factory and entered the employ of his brother, W. K. Morse, who was en-

gaged in the trucking business in Leominster. In 1913 he was taken into partnership with his brother under the firm name of W. K. Morse & Company, and since that time his full energy has been given to the rapidly growing business of that concern. The firm is engaged in light and heavy hauling, and they make a specialty of long distance work. "We go anywhere" is the statement made on their neat and concisely worded business card, which contains a carefully arranged schedule of prices covering all local work within a mile of Monument Square. No patron of the firm need be in doubt as to what charges will be made if the work is local, for the schedule is a detailed one, and the firm cheerfully gives estimates on long distance work. Mr. Morse is a member of the Leominster Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with Leominster Lodge, Royal Arcanum; and with Leominster Lodge, No. 1237, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is an attendant of the First Methodist Church of Leominster.

Clifton G. Morse married, on November 10, 1910, Nellie Cronin, who was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, daughter of Joseph and Cathrine (Donnelly) Cronin.

HERBERT H. BOLLES—The career of Mr. Bolles, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, is one of varied interests, and in his present activities as an undertaker and funeral director, he has won large prominence. He has been engaged in this general field of activity for about seventeen years, and during the greater part of that time in Fitchburg. Mr. Bolles is a native of the State of Vermont, and a son of Hiram R. and Emlaon (Lockwood) Bolles.

Herbert H. Bolles was born at Chester, Vermont, October 11, 1868. The family removed to Gardner, Massachusetts, when he was fifteen years of age, and his education was limited to the public schools of Vermont. His first experience in the business world was when but fifteen years of age, in the employ of John A. Dunn Company, of Gardner, manufacturers of chairs, baby carriages, *et cetera*. Mr. Bolles remained with this concern continuously until the year 1906. During the last year or so of this connection he studied at the Massachusetts College of Embalming, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1906. Practicing this profession for one year at Lowell, Massachusetts, he then returned to Worcester County and has since been active in Fitchburg as an undertaker and funeral director. With offices and chapel at No. 3 Lunenburg Street, he has developed a very noteworthy interest, his practice extending throughout the neighboring towns in this part of the State. Mr. Bolles is considered one of the largely successful men in this profession in Fitchburg. He has always kept in close touch with the progress of the profession generally, and his headquarters and equipment are thoroughly modern and up-to-date. His business ability is seconded by a broad appreciation of the ethics of the profession, and Mr. Bolles is considered a man whose character and temperament peculiarly fit him for the serious and sacred nature of his work. Various interests of the community and of the people command the attention of Mr. Bolles, and he is an influential member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, bearing a part in all public advance and supporting the Republican



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party in political affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with Hope Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Gardner; Thomas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Fitchburg; Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar, of Gardner; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston; and the Masonic Club, of Fitchburg. He is further a member of the American Order of United Workmen, and the Rotary Club.

The military record of Herbert H. Bolles is one of interest to this history and one of distinction. He enlisted in the Massachusetts National Guard as a member of Company F, 2d Infantry Regiment, as private on May 23, 1887. He was promoted to corporal May 30, 1888, and to sergeant on May 27, 1889. In October of the same year he was made first sergeant, then on September 16, 1890, was promoted to second lieutenant. He received his commission as first lieutenant on May 9, 1894, and was commissioned captain on January 23, 1895. He was retired with the rank of captain in the year 1897, and while he was eager to enter the activity of the Spanish-American War, the limited number of men required for that incident precluded the possibility of his serving.

Herbert H. Bolles married, on June 2, 1890, Nellie M. Eaton, daughter of Amos and Lucinda (Saunders) Eaton, the ceremony taking place at Gardner, Massachusetts.

GEORGE SAWYER STONE—E. Wyman Stone, who died in April, 1903, was a farmer of Templeton Township, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all his life, a man of prosperity and high standing in his community. He married Berdille Sawyer, also now deceased, and they were the parents of George Sawyer Stone, treasurer of the Templeton Savings Bank, of Otter River, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

George S. Stone was born at the home farm in Templeton Township, Worcester County, Massachusetts, February 3, 1886. He was educated in the public schools of the district and has spent his life in Templeton Township. His youth was spent as his father's helper, and as a lad, in 1895, he began to serve milk over a given route and for twenty-eight years he has been a milk dealer of Templeton Township and has conducted a farm for a great portion of that time. In 1914 he was elected assessor of taxes for the township of Templeton, serving three years (1923). He has also served four years as a member of the School Committee, and since 1914 has been treasurer of the Templeton Savings Bank. During the war period 1917-18, Mr. Stone was captain of the local company of the State Guard, and was helpful in all the activities of that period.

George Sawyer Stone married, at Otter River, Massachusetts, September 3, 1898, Mary E. Leland, daughter of Francis and Mary (Sawyer) Leland. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are the parents of six children: Leland, Margaret, Edith, Rachel, Elizabeth, and Ralph Lincoln. The family home is at Otter River, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

CHRISTOPHER JAMES CAMPBELL, of the firm of Carter & Campbell, throughout his entire active

career has been identified with the reed and rattan manufacturing industry. The concern of which he is now one of the owners is engaged in the manufacture of reed and rattan baby carriages, furniture, and novelties, and conducts a large and steadily growing export trade.

Mr. Campbell was born in Richmond, Province of Quebec, Canada, December 11, 1859, son of Thomas B., a native of Tyrone, Ireland, who died in 1922, and Bridget M. (Cooney) Campbell, born in Ireland, in May, 1838, and died in 1873. He removed with his parents to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, while he was still a young child. He received his earliest education in the public schools of Fitchburg, but before his school course was completed his parents again changed their place of residence, this time taking him to Wakefield, Massachusetts, in the public schools of which he finished his school training. Upon the termination of his school courses he secured a position with The Wakefield Rattan Company, where he remained until he was about twenty-one years old, when he went with I. N. Dann, of New Haven, Connecticut, and after a time he was made superintendent. He maintained this connection for a period of five years, at the end of which time he removed to Gardner, Massachusetts, where he became associated with Conant & Bush, who were engaged in the manufacture of reed work of various kinds, including baby carriages, chairs, and novelties. He remained with this firm until 1891, when he came to Winchendon, Massachusetts, and became superintendent for George Chandler, with whom he remained for one year, when he formed a partnership with M. L. Bartlett, the company being known as M. L. Bartlett & Company. This partnership continued for about a year, when Mr. C. L. Carter bought an interest and the firm became Carter & Campbell, which it remains to-day. It was a co-partnership from its inception until August, 1919, when it was incorporated under the name of Carter & Campbell, Mr. Campbell becoming president at this time. As the business grew, new buildings were erected, and it was due largely to Mr. Campbell's efforts that the industry greatly expanded, while they also steadily raised the standard in the quality of their products. At the present time they manufacture principally a high-class of upholstered reed furniture, which by the excellence of their workmanship and beauty of design, are the most potent medium of advertising used by the firm. Satisfied customers seldom fail to bring new patrons, and Mr. Campbell finds that his business largely advertises itself. In addition to the home trade they are extensively engaged in an export business which, during the past thirty-three years, they have developed until it has greatly extended their field of operations.

Since the time of his first coming to Winchendon Mr. Campbell has taken a keen interest in local public affairs. For seven years, from 1907 until 1914, he served as a member of the School Board. He gives his support to the Republican party, and in 1922 was elected one of three to serve the town of Winchendon as a member of the Board of Selectmen. In that office he is rendering valuable service, giving to the town the benefit of his ability and experience, and serving with a disinterestedness of spirit that has won the confidence and esteem of his associates. For two years he served this

board as clerk, and he formerly was also on the Town Finance Committee. He is a member of the Winchendon Chamber of Commerce, and is an indefatigable worker in all their activities. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 1426, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Gardner; and also belongs to the Avon Club, of Winchendon; and to the Associated Manufacturers of New England. His religious affiliation is with the St. Mary's Catholic Church, of Winchendon.

Christopher James Campbell married, in Gardner, Massachusetts, in 1889, Mary E. Dugan, who was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts, daughter of Michael and Anne (Corbett) Dugan, both natives of Saint Stephen, New Brunswick. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell reside at the corner of Mechanic and Grove streets, Winchendon, Massachusetts.

COLIN MACKENZIE—Roderick and Janet (Broadwood) Mackenzie, both born in Scotland, came to America later in life and settled in the city of Montreal, Canada, where Roderick was employed as a clerk. Later they moved to Howick, Province of Quebec, a town located on the English River. There Roderick Mackenzie owned and conducted a merchandising business. Their son, Colin, is of further mention.

Colin Mackenzie was born at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, February 12, 1854, and there spent the first seventeen years of his life. In 1871 he came to the United States and settled at Winchendon, Massachusetts, going thence to Ashburnham, Massachusetts, in 1875, where he finished his education with a two years' course at Cushing Academy. In 1876 he began learning the carpenter's trade in Winchendon, and later worked for Joseph Walker, of Royalston, Massachusetts, and from that year Royalston has been his home. After Mr. Walker's death, Colin Mackenzie succeeded him in the contracting and building business, and has conducted it very successfully ever since.

For twenty years Mr. Mackenzie owned and resided in the property at Royalston known as the old Chase homestead, then bought the David Foster place, on the Fitzwilliam-Royalston Road, which has since been his home. He has in addition, about one hundred acres of farm land at Royalston. In politics he is a Republican, and for two years served Royalston as Selectman, for twenty-five years was Overseer of the Poor, for fifteen years a member of the Town Board of Health, for seven years a trustee of the public library, and is a trustee of the John F. Bartlett Fund. He is a member and for several years has been a deacon of the First Congregational Church and superintendent of the Sunday school.

Colin Mackenzie married, at Royalston, September, 1880, Emeline Esther White, born in Winchendon, Massachusetts, daughter of Stephen P. and Lucinda (Woodbury) White, both born in Winchendon. Mrs. Mackenzie, after attending the public schools of Royalston, became a student at Cushing Academy, then for five years, until her marriage, taught school. In September, 1897, she accepted the position of librarian of the Phinias South Newton Library, at Royalston, and has held that position continuously until the present (1923). Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie are the parents of two children: Bessie Janet, born May 25, 1884, married Everett Kahrman, of Connecticut, and they have one child, Ruth

Elizabeth; Harlan Roderick, born September 24, 1886, now general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Franklin, Massachusetts. He married Gladys D. White, of Leominster, and they have the following children: Charlotte, Ruth, and Harlan R., Jr.

MAX A. FINN—The world of amusements in Worcester, Massachusetts, is familiar with Max A. Finn, who is making this business the field of his life work, and whose ability is being very clearly demonstrated in this section, through his activity as manager of the New Park Theatre. Active along this line since completing his education, Mr. Finn is commanding the esteem and confidence of the theatre-going public, and his future is considered very promising. He is a son of Jacob Finn, who was born in Russia, and came to this country as a young man, engaging in the tailoring business in Worcester, in which he continued until his death, which occurred in the year 1913. The mother, Rebecca (Branholz) Finn, was also born in Russia, but survived her husband for about ten years, passing away in the year 1923.

Max A. Finn was born in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, July 4, 1896. His education was begun in the local public schools of this city, and after completing the high school course he spent four years at the Worcester Art Museum, in study. He then became identified with the New Park Theatre in the capacity of usher, and while at the beginning, his purpose was temporarily to gain remunerative employment, he found opportunities that, with his natural ability for artistic work, led to his promotion, so that at the age of twenty years he attained the responsible position of manager, which he still ably fills. Mr. Finn is a genial, broad-minded young man, deeply interested in the passing events of the day, and he possesses a discriminating taste in amusements which is placing the New Park among the best patronized play houses in this part of Worcester County. He has few interests outside of his work, but is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

CHARLES HAMMOND BROWN, prominent in agricultural circles in Northern Worcester County, Massachusetts, is numbered among the largely successful men in farming interests in Royalston, and his public service, although entirely of a local nature, places him among the broadly progressive men of the day in Worcester County. Mr. Brown comes of an old and noteworthy family of this section, and is a son of Benjamin H. and Nancy L. (Wood) Brown. The father lived in Australia for nine years before his marriage, having been around the world once and having become interested in that country. He served in the Civil War as a member of Company E, 53d Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Charles Hammond Brown, son of these parents, was born at Royalston, Massachusetts, February 3, 1865. His education was received in the public schools of his birthplace, and upon the completion of the grammar school course he associated himself with his father on the farm until about seventeen years old, then went to Boston, where he was active in a bakery business for three years, thereafter going to Worcester, Massachu-

setts, where he followed similar lines of activity for about six years. He then established himself independently in the grocery business in Worcester and conducted the interest for about six years, when he had an opportunity to sell out to advantage, of which he availed himself. He then opened a novelty store in Worcester, but after two years came to Royalston to take charge of the large farm owned by A. J. Raymond. Active in this connection for nineteen years, Mr. Brown then removed to his own farm on the Fitzwilliams Road, in Royalston, where he has resided for the past six years. He conducts extensive operations along general lines of farming, and specializes on poultry, in which line he has had excellent success. In political affairs Mr. Brown has for many years been a leader. Always affiliated with the Republican party, he served on the Royalston School Committee from 1901-1907, and has been chairman of the Board of Selectmen since 1906. In the year 1917 he was elected to the Board of Assessors, and since 1919 has been treasurer of the town. For fifteen years he was on the Republican Town Committee, first as secretary and then chairman, and whatever phase of Republican advance came up for consideration, he was a leader in progressive thought and effort. Fraternally he is affiliated with Athol Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and Royalston Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Brown married, on September 25, 1888, Anna E. Rowe, of Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of Charles M. and Alice V. Rowe, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have five children: Alfred H., born September 8, 1890, now superintendent of A. J. Raymond's factory, at Athol, Massachusetts, is married and has one daughter; Irving F., born June 19, 1892, associated with the Twist Drill Company of Athol, Massachusetts; Rose Mildred, born June 2, 1894, now the wife of Omer Landon, of Northfield, Vermont; Gertrude Eva, born May 28, 1903, now a student at the Fitchburg State Normal School; and Edwin R., born September 4, 1905, still at home.

Mr. Brown has four brothers and one sister: Frank H., his oldest brother, is assistant treasurer of the Fitchburg Bank and Trust Company; William L., a resident of Medford, Massachusetts, and retired from business; Benjamin E., with the Brown Lumber Company of Winchendon, Massachusetts; Isabell E., who became the wife of Rev. Augustus M. Rice, who died in Royalston, Massachusetts, in 1921; and Arthur H., assistant treasurer of the Fitchburg Savings Bank.

CLIFFORD H. WILCOX—Among the progressive and enterprising young men of the day in Worcester County, Massachusetts, Clifford H. Wilcox is a broadly representative figure, being active not only in the business world, but in the public service and in fraternal and religious advance. His interests include every phase of community life, and he is counted one of the thoroughly estimable young men of Royalston. He is a son of Calvin H. and Mary L. (Sprague) Wilcox, his father active during his career as a painter, also as a teamster, in addition to the agricultural interests which he has long conducted on the homestead farm where he resides.

Clifford H. Wilcox was born at Royalston, Massachusetts, May 6, 1888. As a young lad he attended the local primary schools, then, after three years of study at the

Orange High School, he laid aside his books to enter the business world. At that time he became associated with S. C. French, Postmaster and general merchant of Royalston, and Mr. Wilcox has since remained in his employ, filling larger responsibilities and bearing a definite part in the prosperity and progress of the store. A supporter of the Republican party from the time he attained his majority, Mr. Wilcox has served as Town Clerk for five years, and is also chairman of the Republican Town Committee. He is a young man of public spirit and keeps in touch with all advance, giving of his best to those movements which contribute to the general welfare. Fraternally Mr. Wilcox is affiliated with Royalston Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and has at one time or another been elected to every office in the local grange except Master. He early identified himself with religious progress, and is a prominent member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Wilcox married, in Royalston, Massachusetts, September 25, 1909, Hazel L. French, who was born on June 7, 1888, at Templeton, Massachusetts, and is a daughter of Sumner E. and Ada E. (Mellan) French, Mr. French being the owner of the store of which Mr. Wilcox is now manager. The mother died on November 2, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox are the parents of one child, Lillis E., born June 3, 1912, who attends the seventh grade at Royalston Grammar School (1923).

ALFRED McKINSTRY—For twenty-eight years the name of McKinstry has been identified with the ice business in Southbridge, Massachusetts, Alfred McKinstry having conducted a retail interest in the distribution of this necessity during this entire period, and has developed it from a modest beginning until he is head of the leading ice dealing firm in Southbridge, and practically controls the local trade. Possessing strong business ability with the energy which counts, perhaps, equally in achieving success, Mr. McKinstry has won his way to a noteworthy position in local business circles, and has also borne a part in the affairs of the community.

The McKinstry family was established in the United States by William McKinstry, who came to New England about 1747 from Carrick Fergus, a borough of County Antrim, on Belfast Lough, nine miles from Belfast, Ireland. He settled in Southbridge, Massachusetts, where he bought land for one shilling per acre, part of that tract now being a farm owned by his descendant, Alfred McKinstry. William McKinstry married Mary Morse, and they were the parents of a son, William (2), born on the farm at Southbridge, where he spent his life, a farmer. He married Esther Robbins, and they were the parents of John McKinstry, born in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, where he followed the pursuits of a farmer until his death. He was also a school teacher, and owned a saw mill and a cider mill. He married Keziah Batchelder, born in Charlton, Massachusetts, of a pioneer New England family, her father, Elijah Batchelder, a Revolutionary soldier. John and Keziah (Batchelder) McKinstry were the parents of Prevostus McKinstry.

Prevostus McKinstry was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, and there engaged in farming until his death. He represented his town in the State Legisla-

ture, and was one of the founders of the Methodist Episcopal church in Southbridge. He married, Jane Carpenter, born at Charlton, Massachusetts, died at Southbridge in 1875.

Alfred McKinstry, son of Prevostus and Jane (Carpenter) McKinstry, was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, July 2, 1858. He was educated in the grade and high schools of his birthplace, and upon the completion of his studies, entered the lumber business, in which he was actively engaged as clerk and dealer for about ten years. In 1895 he disposed of his lumber interests, and established his present ice business, in which he has been continuously active since. Beginning in a small way, he developed the business gradually, until he now cuts 8,000 tons of ice yearly, and with six teams distributes that crop in retail quantities to his entire community. The office is located on Dupaul Street, and there Mr. McKinstry manages the details of his constantly increasing business.

In addition to his ice business, of which he is the sole owner, Mr. McKinstry owns considerable real estate, including a farm, which he personally manages and oversees. The principal crops are ensilage and hay, about eighty tons of the latter being harvested yearly. A herd of twenty-five cattle is one of the features of the farm, half of these being high grade milch cows. For three years he has served his town as Surveyor, but otherwise he has accepted no public office, and outside his ice business and his farm he has few interests of a public nature.

Mr. McKinstry married, in 1879, Emma Hayes, who was born in Charlton City, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of nine children: Annie J., Sarah M., Alfred H., Emma K., Marjorie B., Edna G., Raymond L., R. Clifford, and Emily C. Mrs. McKinstry is a daughter of Michael Hayes, who was born in Ireland, and engaged as a tailor until his death, which occurred in 1868. Her mother, Ann (Magatin) Hayes, was also a native of Ireland, and lived to an advanced age, passing away in 1893. R. Clifford McKinstry has for some years been identified with his father in the ice business, and is now the active manager, and Raymond L. McKinstry is also identified in the business, being secretary and treasurer.

CLARENCE R. WOODARD—For many years active in agricultural pursuits in Worcester County, Massachusetts, Mr. Woodard has more recently gone into the taxicab business and, devoting his energies to this broadly practical and modern field of endeavor, is bearing a definitely useful part in the welfare of the people. His success in his earlier activities has given him a prominent position in the community, and he is one of the highly esteemed citizens of Templeton. A member of a family long prominent in this section, he is descended from some of the oldest settlers of Pelham. His father, Nelson Herbert Woodard, was born at North Dana, Massachusetts, and died in Templeton, June 11, 1918. He was a stationary engineer by trade and for twenty years was active in the employ of the Emerson Shoe Company of Wakefield, Massachusetts, having charge of the great engines of their plant. Late in life he came to Templeton and made his home with his son, the subject of this sketch, until his death. The mother,

Emma (Ashly) Woodard, was born at Wendell, Massachusetts, and also spent her declining years with her son, passing away May 14, 1923.

Clarence R. Woodard was born at New Salem, Massachusetts, September 25, 1875. His education was received in the public schools of Wakefield, where he gained a broadly practical education, then as a young man entered the world of men and affairs. His first experience was in the employ of R. H. White & Company, at No. 15 Bedford Street, Boston, wholesale dealers in dry goods, and he was active as a salesman in this connection for a period of thirteen years. Mr. Woodard then came to Templeton, where he bought the farm of one hundred and seventy-two acres, which he sold to the State of Massachusetts two years later, and which is now known as the "State Colony." Immediately after disposing of this property Mr. Woodard bought another farm of one hundred and eighty-four acres in Templeton, and this he conducted until the year 1918, when he removed to his present residence on South Road, in Templeton. Here he established his taxicab business, which has become a largely prosperous interest, and in this public service activity Mr. Woodard is not only meeting a daily need of the people in a thoroughly efficient way, but is winning success. Mr. Woodard has a complete equipment and his wide acquaintance in this section makes him one of the popular men in this field of endeavor. He has always been interested in the public affairs of the community and politically supports the Republican party, but has never taken any interest in political matters beyond that of the private citizen. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Woodard married, in Wakefield, Massachusetts, June 2, 1893, Eva Jane Pratt, of Wakefield, Massachusetts, daughter of Thomas Burt and Clara (Robie) Pratt, her father a native of Wakefield, and her mother of Readville, Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard have two children: 1. Bernice E., born in Templeton, August 24, 1898, now the wife of Harold Fisher, of Templeton, their two children being: Clifton and Mayford, who died in September, 1923. 2. Elmer Pratt, born in Templeton, October 12, 1905.

JAMES A. AUSTIN—In the textile industry in Worcester County, Massachusetts, James A. Austin holds a prominent position as agent at the Arden Mills, a subsidiary of the American Woolen Mills. Educated in one of the foremost colleges of the East, and taking up his career on the practical side of the textile industry, Mr. Austin has won a high position in his chosen field of endeavor, and has gained this eminence wholly through his own efforts. He is a son of James B. and Harriett (Auld) Austin, the father a mining broker of Boston, Massachusetts, but the family for generations residents of Fitchburg.

James A. Austin was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, February 28, 1888. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following the completion of his high school course he entered Williams College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Shortly thereafter securing a position in the employ of the American Woolen Mills, Mr. Austin served a regular apprenticeship, meanwhile, devoting much time to the study of the various branches of



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and
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the manufacture of woolen textile goods. Mastering the various departments of production by the practical method of experience in each department he then spent two years in the New York office of the American Woolen Mills, learning the selling end of the business. It was at this point that his career was interrupted by the activities of the World War, but upon his return to civilian life, after the close of hostilities, he was made superintendent of the Arden Mills at Fitchburg. His demonstrated ability in this connection led to his appointment as agent of these mills on March 1, 1923. He is now active in this capacity and commands the esteem of all with whom he is associated, and although he is still a very young man for the responsibility of this position, he is carrying forward the interests of the concern efficiently and well.

The military record of James A. Austin began with his enlistment shortly after the United States entered the World War. He was sent to the Second Officers' Training Camp at Fort Meyer, Virginia, where he was later commissioned first lieutenant and assigned to the 310th Battalion, 79th Division, American Expeditionary Forces. Sailing for France in July, 1918, he was stationed at various points throughout that country, and took part in the offensive operations at Verdun, Argonne, and Toul sectors. Upon his return to the United States he received his discharge from Camp Dix, May 30, 1919, and returned to the activities of civilian life. Mr. Austin is a member of the Rotary Club and Oak Hill Country Club, of Fitchburg, and Williams Club of New York City, also the Delta Kappa Epsilon. He supports the Republican party in political affairs, and is a member of the Congregational church.

James A. Austin married, in October, 1919, Marion Shanks, daughter of James L. and Jessie (McCullough) Shanks. Mr. and Mrs. Austin have one daughter: Joan, born August 21, 1920.

MICHAEL F. DUNN, for more than thirty-six years identified with the same concern in the business life of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, has now for some years held large responsibility in the organization. He is treasurer of the Rodney Wallace Company, Incorporated, manufacturers of cotton wiping waste and contractors for cotton mill waste of all kinds, and also has various other business affiliations in this city. He is a member of an old family of Fitchburg, a son of Timothy C. and Ellen (O'Neil) Dunn, his father for many years superintendent in the employ of the Rodney Wallace Company. Timothy C. Dunn died January 31, 1909, his death closing a long and useful life.

Michael F. Dunn was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, February 24, 1871. He acquired a practical preparation for a business career at the local public and high schools, then entered the employ of the Rodney Wallace Company at the age of sixteen years. His first work in this connection was that of bookkeeper, and he devoted much time also to the mastering of the many details of the business. Upon the death of Mr. Wallace, in the year 1903, Mr. Dunn was appointed general manager of the cotton waste department and filled this position until the incorporation of the concern, which occurred February 1, 1916. He was then made general manager and treasurer of the Rodney Wallace Company, Incorporated,

and at the same time he was made secretary of the Fitchburg Paper Company, these two concerns having been under identical control since that date. Mr. Dunn is also trustee and chairman of the auditing committee of the Fitchburg Savings Bank and a director of the Fidelity Coöperative Bank. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus, also the Foresters of America. He is a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, and for a few years was identified with the public advance as a member of the School Board (1903-1906). His clubs are the Fay and the Oak Hill Country.

Michael F. Dunn married, on October 11, 1892, Sarah A. O'Donnell, of Fitchburg, and they have two children: Helen R., born October 12, 1894, now the wife of John F. Gillespie, Jr., of Alpine, New Jersey; and George F., born June 25, 1897, now associated with his father in business.

ALBERT EDWARD DONALD—In the textile industry in Southern Worcester County, Massachusetts, the name of Albert Edward Donald is widely prominent in his capacity as agent for the American Woolen Company at Uxbridge. In this responsible position Mr. Donald is contributing in a marked degree to the economic welfare of the people, and the industrial advance of the community, and the fact of his having gained his present position through his own energy and ability places him among the really significant men of the community. Mr. Donald is a son of John Donald, who was born in Paisley, Scotland, in 1846, and came to this country as a young man, settling in Gilbertville, Massachusetts, where he was active for some years as overseer of finishing, later being engaged in the same line of endeavor at Rockville, Connecticut. The mother, Sarah (Dunsmore) Donald, was also born in Paisley, Scotland in 1842, and came to this country as a young woman.

Albert Edward Donald was born in Gilbertville, Massachusetts, August 31, 1887. The family removing thereafter to Rockville, Connecticut, he received his early education in the public and high schools of that city. Interested from boyhood in the work of textile mills, which form so large a part of the industrial life of that section, he chose this field of endeavor as the scene of his life work. Entering the Lowell Textile School at Lowell, Massachusetts, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1904, with the degree of Textile Engineer. Mr. Donald's first experience in his chosen field was in the employ of the Meredith Linen Company of Meredith, New Hampshire, where he continued for about three years. In 1907 he went to Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he was identified with the Washington Mills for about one year, thereafter becoming assistant superintendent of the yarn department of the Wood Worsted Company of Lawrence, in which capacity he was active for two years. Coming to Uxbridge later in the year 1909, Mr. Donald accepted the position of assistant superintendent of the Uxbridge Worsted Company. Continuing with this concern for seven years, he accepted the position of superintendent for the American Woolen Company, in charge of their Hecla Mills in Uxbridge. He has been agent of the company there since August, 1917. He still fills this largely responsible position, and as one of the leading executives in the

great industrial organizations of Worcester County, he holds a leading position in the business life of Uxbridge.

Mr. Donald is a trustee of the Uxbridge Savings Bank, and for four years has served as a member of the Finance Committee of the town of Uxbridge, taking up the duties of this office with the beginning of the year 1920, and still (1923) serving. Fraternally he is prominent, holding the thirty-second degree in the Masonic order. He is also a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston, and is Past Master of Solomon's Temple Lodge, of Uxbridge. He is a member of Uxbridge Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Composite Club and the Unitarian church.

Mr. Donald married Lillian M. Lance, who was born in Plattsburg, New York, June 18, 1882, and is a daughter of William Thomas and Emma (Edwards) Lance, both of whom were born in Plattsburg, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Donald have one son: Howard Frederick, born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, April 24, 1908.

COL. WILLIAM H. DOLAN—It would be difficult to say in which field of activity the name of Col. William H. Dolan is more widely known, the industrial or the military. He has for many years been identified with Jennison Company, Inc., of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, engineers and contractors in mill equipment, *et cetera*, and for nearly an equal length of time he has been increasingly prominent in the military service of his native State and Nation. Col. Dolan is a son of William H. and Johanna (Cullinane) Dolan, his father an early leather currier of North Leominster, where the family has resided for many years.

William H. Dolan was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, April 27, 1876. Receiving his early education in the public schools of his birthplace, he completed his studies with the high school course, then served an apprenticeship of four months with J. B. Farnsworth, a plumber and steam fitter of Leominster. Then coming to Fitchburg, Col. Dolan secured employment with the Jennison Plumbing Company, with which he has since been continuously connected. Active first as a helper, he rose in the organization, serving for a time as journeyman, then became foreman of the shop. In 1900 he was received into partnership with H. E. Jennison, and they have since been associated either as partners or in the present form of incorporation. At the date mentioned the scope of their activities was strictly limited to the local trade, but they met the various needs of the public along plumbing and heating lines, giving particular attention to industrial plants. Now their activities reach throughout New England, the State of New York, and other States as far west as Michigan, also handling large interests in Canada. At the time Col. Dolan entered the organization they employed only thirty-five people, but now two hundred and fifty employees are required to take care of their work and are regularly on the payroll. This concern acts as engineers and contractors in mill piping, heating, ventilating, and plumbing. One of their leading features is the Jennison forced circulation hot water heating system. They also install automatic sprinklers, ventilating, and plumbing systems, smoke flues, and breechings, and do all kinds of light and heavy sheet metal

work. With modern plant and offices on Putnam Street, Fitchburg, they are leaders in their field in New England.

The military record of Col. William H. Dolan dates back to his enlistment in the 6th Regiment, Massachusetts National Guard, in April, 1894. He served in the Spanish-American War with honor and distinction, receiving promotion during the course of that incident and subsequently receiving promotion to the rank of major. With this rank he entered the World War and sailed for France on October 9, 1917, in command of Military Police, 26th Division, on the staff of General Edwards. On September 15, 1918, while serving in France he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel at St. Mihiel, and on March 5, 1919, was promoted to the rank of colonel. On March 27, 1919, Col. Dolan sailed for America, and on the 27th of the same month received his honorable discharge from the United States Army at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, after a full quarter of a century of service. Col. Dolan was the organizer and the first commander of Fitchburg Post American Legion, and in the fall of 1923 went to San Francisco, California, as delegate to the American Legion National Convention. His inspiring leadership has done much for this organization, which holds leading rank with legions of this State. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his clubs are the Fay and the Oak Hill Country, both of Fitchburg. He is a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, and a member of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church.

William H. Dolan married, October 8, 1901, Nellie Driscoll, daughter of William and Hannah (Sheehy) Driscoll, esteemed residents of Fitchburg. Mr. and Mrs. Dolan are the parents of two children: William H., Jr., born September 16, 1903, now associated in business with his father; and Mary Louise, born May 5, 1918.

HEMAN PRENTICE KENDALL—An experience of forty years as agent for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company at Sterling, Massachusetts, has made Heman Prentice Kendall pretty thoroughly acquainted not only with the duties of his position, but with the traveling public of Sterling and vicinity.

Heman Kendall, father of Mr. Kendall, was during the early years of his career engaged in agricultural pursuits, in addition to which he also followed the trade of chairmaker during the winter seasons. Later he was appointed station agent at Sterling in the employ of the Fitchburg & Worcester Railroad Company, and for seventeen years he continued to hold that position, until his death in 1883.

Heman Prentice Kendall, son of Heman and Martha (Harris) Kendall, was born at Sterling, Massachusetts, May 28, 1856, and after attending the local public schools continued his studies in Howe's Business College in Worcester. When his school training was completed he first became his father's assistant in the Sterling station of the Old Colony Railway Company (later known as the New York, New Haven & Hartford Company), and upon the death of his father, in July, 1883, he received an appointment as agent in Sterling, succeeding his father. In October, 1885, he left that posi-

tion in order to take an extended vacation, but in August, 1886, was reappointed, and during the thirty-seven years which have passed since that time he has been the faithful guardian of the company's interests at Sterling. There are few residents of the township more widely acquainted than is Mr. Kendall. In addition to discharging most efficiently the duties of station agent, he has also taken an active part in local public affairs. He served as Town Treasurer for five years, was a member of the School Board for two years, and for the past eighteen years has been a member of the board of trustees of the Sterling Library, holding at the present time the office of chairman of the board. He has also served the community as an active and enthusiastic member of the fire department, and for several years was fire chief. He has held several other minor town offices, and throughout his career has been always ready to contribute his share to the advancement of any project which he considers wisely planned for the promotion of the public welfare. He has conducted a fire insurance agency in the town for thirty-seven years, representing nineteen of the leading companies. He is a member of Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Aletheia Grotto, No. 13, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. He is a member of the Cable Club of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and is also a member of the Veteran Railroad Employees. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Heman Prentice Kendall married, at Sterling, Massachusetts, November 24, 1887, Grace Estelle Shattuck, daughter of Henry K. and Matilda G. (Vance) Shattuck. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall are the parents of one son: Raymond Harris, born March 1, 1893; served overseas with the 29th Engineers; and married, October 20, 1920, Pearl L. Heywood.

CHARLES F. ADAMS—For nearly fifty years Charles F. Adams has been in railroad employ, and during half of that long period he has been the efficient station master at Pratt's Junction, Worcester County. Mr. Adams is a member of an old Worcester County family. His grandfather, John Adams, was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and with his wife, Lucy (Sessions) Adams, spent his entire life in that section of the State. The father also was engaged in farming, and settled in Hubbardston.

Born in Hubbardston, Massachusetts, December 19, 1858, son of John and Katharine (Houghton) Adams, Charles F. Adams received his school training in the local schools and then found his first remunerative employment in a box factory in Hubbardston. He maintained that connection but a short time and then, in 1876, entered the employ of the Boston, Clinton & Fitchburg Railroad, stationed at Framingham Center, Massachusetts, as baggage master. In 1880 he went to Norton, Massachusetts, as station agent, remaining there for one year and three months and then, in 1882, returned to Framingham, where he continued as station agent until 1900. In that year he was transferred to Pratt's Junction, and during the twenty-three years which have passed since that time he has been continuously in charge of that station. He is widely known and highly esteemed in Pratt's Junction and vicinity, and has taken

an active part in local public affairs, serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen from 1907 to 1921, and he has also served as Overseer of the Poor for more than ten years. Fraternally he is a member of the Middlesex Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Framingham, and he is also a member of the local grange. He is a member of the Masonic Club and of the Leominster Club; and his religious affiliation is with the Federalist Congregational Church.

Charles F. Adams married, on May 8, 1880, at Framingham Center, Massachusetts, Grace A. Blake, of Framingham, daughter of Frederick P. and Harriet (Wright) Blake, the former of whom is a native of Stanstead, Canada, and the latter of whom was born in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are the parents of three children: Bernard Samuel, who was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, December 20, 1882, and is now engineer on the Boston & Maine Railroad; Catherine Houghter, who was born June 3, 1893; and Helen Grace, born November 12, 1900.

BERTRAM H. ARNOLD—The career of Mr. Arnold has followed practical lines of advance, and in his present capacity as treasurer and general manager of the E. A. Cowee Company, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, he is a leading local executive in the distribution of hay, grain, and feed. Mr. Arnold is a son of James H. and Jane A. (Frederick) Arnold.

Bertram H. Arnold was born in Norwich, Connecticut, March 31, 1874. Receiving his early education in the public schools, he later attended high school, and then took up his preparations for his career at Worcester Technical Institute, where he attended with the class of 1897. His first business experience was in the employ of Swift & Company, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, where he accepted a position as bookkeeper. In the year 1908 Mr. Arnold became identified with the grain business in association with E. F. Wilbur, of Mansfield, Massachusetts, also in the capacity of bookkeeper. Not long afterward this interest was sold and Mr. Arnold was retained as manager by the new owners. For five years he continued with the business, then became identified with H. L. Marsh, of Newport, Rhode Island, where for about two years he had charge of the bookkeeping department. He then formed his present affiliation with E. A. Cowee & Company, one of the old enterprises in its field in Northern Worcester County. This concern was founded in West Boylston, Worcester County, Massachusetts, in the year 1850, by E. A. Cowee, who remained at the head of the interest until his death. When land about West Boylston was taken over by the Metropolitan Water Works, this interest was removed to the city of Worcester, and there remained until recent years. The business was incorporated in 1915, the present officers being elected, as follows: Howard W. Cowee, president; George Browning, vice-president; Bartram H. Arnold, treasurer and general manager. Howard Cowee, grandson of the founder, is proving an able leader, and the business continues to progress. The headquarters in Worcester burned to the ground in 1919, and after carrying on in temporary location until January, 1921, they then settled in their present spacious buildings in Fitchburg. Within recent years

the interest has largely expanded, and now they have retail stores in Worcester, West Boylston, Pepperell, etc.

Mr. Arnold married, in May, 1897, Christina M. Reiss, daughter of James W. and Mary Reiss, of Norwich, Connecticut, and they are the parents of one son, James, born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, in July, 1898.

CARLETON JOSEPH NOON is among the ambitious and progressive young men of Clinton who are working their way forward in the business world. He started as runner boy at the Lancaster Mills, and rose to the position of assistant paymaster, which position he held until his resignation, to take his present position with the Clinton Trust Company.

Mr. Noon is a native of Hudson, Massachusetts, where he was born December 28, 1898, this being also the birthplace of his father, Patrick Earl Noon, who was engaged as a contractor there. His mother, Bridget (McQuail) Noon, came originally from County Mayo, Ireland, and is now living here. In acquiring his education Mr. Noon first attended the public schools at Hudson, and afterwards was a student at St. John's Parochial School, where he completed his studies. From that time on he was employed at the Lancaster Mills until February, 1923, when he resigned and accepted a position as teller in the Clinton Trust Company, where he is now.

Mr. Noon is a citizen of the public-spirited type, and is interested in promoting the welfare of the community in every way, taking an active part in its social, civic, and religious affairs. He maintains membership in the Loyal Order of Moose; is prominent in Clinton Council, Knights of Columbus, and in his religious affiliation is a devout communicant of St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

HARRY A. WHITCOMB—A career of high achievement measured by any standard is that of Harry A. Whitcomb, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, agent of the Beoli Mills. It is interesting to note and representative of this city that Mr. Whitcomb attained his present position wholly through his own efforts. Indeed, he is a marked example of the present day product of American civilization recognized the world over as the "self-made man." He is a son of Charles A. and Ellen (Holden) Whitcomb, his father a conductor on the Boston and Maine Railroad during his lifetime.

Harry A. Whitcomb was born at North Adams, Massachusetts, in July, 1878. Three years of age when the family removed to Fitchburg, his education was received in the public and high schools of this city. The death of his father occurring when he was still at school, Mr. Whitcomb found himself thrown on his own resources as a young man, and at the age of seventeen years he secured a position in the employ of the Fitchburg Worsted Company, a branch of the American Woolen Company. Entering this organization as office boy, Mr. Whitcomb determined to make this field of endeavor the scene of his life work, and made the most of every opportunity to familiarize himself with the details of the business. He mastered not only office practice, cost systems, *et cetera*, but gained first-hand knowledge of the various manufacturing departments that he might the more perfectly understand their relation to

the work of distribution. After eight years of activity in a minor capacity Mr. Whitcomb was promoted to clerk in the year 1903, then in October, 1905, was transferred to the Beoli Mills, another plant controlled by the American Woolen Company. He was made assistant superintendent of this plant in 1906, and three years later was made superintendent. Mr. Whitcomb's ability was amply demonstrated in each step of his progress, and in the year 1917 he was appointed agent of the Beoli Mills, in which capacity he still ably serves. In this largely responsible position he has the oversight of about five hundred and twenty-five employees. The plant manufactures overcoating material, all wool suitings and wool and worsted suitings, both fancy and piece dyes, all of the finest quality. Mr. Whitcomb commands the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact, both his associates and employees, as well as the general public. He is a member of the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce and a Republican in political affairs, although never an office seeker. Fraternally he is affiliated with C. W. Moore Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and Mount Rollstone Lodge, No. 98, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and his clubs are the Fitchburg Rotary and the Oak Hill Country. He is a member of the Calvinistic Congregational Church.

Harry A. Whitcomb married Nina G. Cook, daughter of Charles and Ella (Farmer) Cook, of Westminster, Vermont, the ceremony taking place at Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb have one daughter, Dorothea, born in Fitchburg on November 17, 1904.

CHARLES E. BAGLEY, eldest son of Dennis F. and Mary (Lane) Bagley, was born in Southborough, Massachusetts, in the year of 1885. His grandfather, Thomas Bagley, had settled in Southborough in 1853, and the family have remained residents of the town since that date.

Dennis F. Bagley, father of Charles E. Bagley, was born in Southborough in 1860, and has lived in the town all his life. He was married to Mary E. Lane, of Boston, in 1884, and there were four children born to them: Charles E., of further mention; William went to France with the 26th Division; Angeline served as an army nurse with the Massachusetts General Hospital Unit at Base Hospital No. 6, in France, for nearly two years; and Leo, died while in the service in the Ordnance Corps at Camp Raritan, New Jersey, in 1918.

Charles E. Bagley attended the Southborough public schools and afterwards attended the Framingham Business College. He has been active and interested in the affairs of his town and community for a number of years, and has served as Auditor and Accountant, Library Trustee, and held other town offices. He is connected with the Sherwin-Williams Company in an executive capacity in the sales department at their Boston office, and has been for a number of years identified with leading concerns in the chemical and dyestuff industry.

He is a member of the Southborough Grange, Knights of Columbus, and the Southborough Village Society, Inc., and takes an active interest in the affairs of these organizations. He is also a member of the New England Drysalter's Club, the Southboro Golf Club, and



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Framingham Country Club. During the war period Mr. Bagley served in the Massachusetts State Guard.

Charles E. Bagley married Ida L. Nourse, youngest daughter of Warren C. Nourse, who also for many years was a resident of Southborough. They have one child, a daughter, Doris E.

LOUIS CHASE, prominent in the business world of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, is active in the real estate and insurance business, and is winning a large measure of success in his chosen field of endeavor. Coming to this country in his childhood, he was reared in American traditions and educated in American institutions, and throughout the period of his business activity he has thus far given large promise of future ability and usefulness. He is a son of Morris and Annie (Brown) Chase, his father a leading real estate operator of Worcester for many years.

Louis Chase was born in Lida, Vilna, Russia, March 5, 1894. The family migrating to the United States in his boyhood, and settling in the city of Worcester, he was educated in the Grafton Street Grammar School and the English Night High School. His first business experience was in the employ of the Worcester Market, with which he was connected until February 28, 1915, on which date he entered the real estate and insurance business. He has been markedly successful in his chosen field, acting as general agent for the Mutual Trust Life Insurance Company, and his work in the insurance field is counting definitely for the economic security of the people. He has done more or less in the real estate field as a broker, but is also active as an operator, owning very considerable interests, including the Bowker Block at No. 24 Washington Square, and several other valuable parcels of real estate. Fraternally he is a member of Damascus Lodge, No. 50, Knights of Pythias, of which he was Chancellor Commander during 1918 and 1919, and representative to the Grand Lodge in 1920 and 1921; also a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, No. 43, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Worcester Lodge, No. 600, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Chase married, at Worcester, Massachusetts, on December 28, 1915, Bessie Lubin, daughter of Harold and Lydia Lubin. Mr. and Mrs. Chase are the parents of three children Lydia Florence, born November 6, 1916; Herbert Stanley, born January 26, 1918; and Harold, born February 6, 1922.

CHARLES E. RICHARDSON, one of the progressive young farmers of the town of Royalston, Massachusetts, who in addition to the successful conduct of a prosperous and scientifically equipped farm, has long been active in local public affairs.

Born in Royalston, Massachusetts, February 16, 1877, Mr. Richardson received a good, practical education in the public schools of his native district, and then engaged in agricultural pursuits. From earliest years he has been familiar with the life of the farmer, but he has not been content to continue in the old ways when newer and better ones may be found. He is one of the clear thinking, energetic men who keep well abreast of the best theory and practice of their time, both in their own particular field of activity, and in civic af-

fairs, and in both interests he consistently stands for progress. For twenty-one years he has been a member of Royalston Grange, No. 195, which he has served as Master for six years, and as Lecturer for three years. As chairman of the School Committee he has rendered efficient service since March, 1909, has been for ten years on the Town Finance Committee, and for the past fifteen years there have been few projects for the advancement of the public welfare of Royalston, which have not received his hearty and effective coöperation. When Royalston celebrated her one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, he served as a member of the Parade Committee, and also of the School Exhibit Committee, and in this, as in all other matters in which he has participated, his enthusiasm and his energy were valuable contributions.

Charles E. Richardson married, on May 9, 1901, Mabel Viola Hutchins, daughter of Francis J. and Margaret (Lyll) Hutchins, of Royalston, and they are the parents of two children: Clara Mabel, born May 14, 1905; and Charles Francis, born May 21, 1908.

PHILIP CENEDELLA—A native of Italy, where he gained his education, but for many years a resident of Milford, Massachusetts. Mr. Cenedella is one of the leading figures among the Italian-American residents of this part of Worcester County, Massachusetts. A practical and energetic business man, for more than thirty years active as a general contractor in Milford and vicinity, Mr. Cenedella has taken a very definite part in the growth and development of the community, and his usefulness is a matter of long standing.

Philip Cenedella was born at Lonato, Italy, May 24, 1872, and is a son of Giacomo and Maria Cenedella. His education was acquired in the schools of his birthplace, and he came to America with his family when still a young lad, twelve years of age. His father's family was the first of Italian descent to locate in Milford, and Mr. Cenedella is now one of the remaining pioneer Italian settlers in this town. Locating at once in Milford, the lad became active in the construction world, learning the stone cutter's trade and following this as an employee for a number of years. In 1892 he established himself as a general contractor, and has followed this line of activity until the present time. His firm has been connected with a number of large construction jobs in different States of the Union, specializing in road and railroad aqueducts, tunnels, sewers, water works, etc. Fraternally Mr. Cenedella is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 628, of Milford, of which he is a trustee. His religious affiliation is with the Sacred Heart Church.

Mr. Cenedella married, at Boston, Massachusetts, on November 27, 1901, Louise F. Gardetto, and they are the parents of six children: Maria, Harold, Philip, Robert, Louise, and Carlotta.

WALTER C. MORIARTY—The city of Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, is the home of many successful business men, and in naming those who are included in the list of representative business men and citizens of that city, the name of Walter C. Moriarty should not be omitted.

John F. Moriarty, father of Walter C. Moriarty,

was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and after receiving a good, practical education in the public schools of his native city, he learned the machinist's trade, which he continued to follow to the time of his death in 1888. He married Ellen Farrell, who was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and died January 8, 1915.

Walter C. Moriarty, son of John F. and Ellen (Farrell) Moriarty, was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, November 17, 1882, and received his education in the public schools of that city. Upon the completion of his high school course he began his active career as a book-keeper, and that occupation continued for a period of seven years. At the end of that time he changed and became identified with the Colwell Lead Company of New York City, which connection was maintained for three years. He then became associated with Pierce, Butler & Pierce Manufacturing Company of New York City in the capacity of clerk. During the thirteen years which have elapsed since that time, he has continued to maintain his connection with that firm. On January 1, 1919, he came to Worcester as manager of their branch in that city, which position he still retains (1923). In addition to the successful management of the affairs of the Pierce, Butler & Pierce Manufacturing Company, Mr. Moriarty has found time to take an active part in public affairs and to be an active member of various fraternal and county organizations. He is a member of Bridgeport Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Commonwealth Club, of the Worcester Credit Men's Association, and of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He is well known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen, and has many friends in Worcester.

Walter C. Moriarty married, on April 26, 1916, Florence C. McKeon, daughter of Frank and Celia McKeon, of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty are the parents of one child, Walter C., Jr., who was born December 11, 1922.

AUGUSTUS C. NEFF—Identified with the textile industry throughout his active lifetime and now a leading executive in this field in Millbury, Massachusetts, Augustus C. Neff is a figure of prominence in this community, and as superintendent of the Millbury Mills and the Millbury Spinning Company, he holds a position of marked significance in the community. A native of this town and a member of an old family of Germany, prominent in the industries of that country, Mr. Neff is a son of George J. Neff, who was born in Elberfeld, Germany, and engaged in the textile industry until his death, which occurred in 1916 in Millbury. The mother, Augusta (Neudeck) Neff, was also born in Germany, and survived her husband for only about two years, passing away in 1918. This family has taken a leading part in various phases of community advance in Millbury, and is counted among the foremost people of this section.

Augustus C. Neff was born in Millbury, Massachusetts, April 4, 1881. His education was acquired in the public and high schools of the community, and after completing his studies he went to the city of Providence, Rhode Island, where for two years he was engaged in the textile industry. He then returned to Millbury to

become identified with the Mayo Woolen Company of this place, in the weaving department, where he remained for about two years. In 1902 Mr. Neff entered the employ of the Millbury Mills, manufacturers of worsteds, in the capacity of superintendent, and in this responsible office has continued until the present time, his work contributing largely to the development and growth of the business, which is one of the important industries of this community. In 1912, the Millbury Mills founded the enterprise which has since been known as the Millbury Spinning Company, as a subsidiary interest. Mr. Neff has acted as superintendent of both interests since, and his broad experience and able management have placed the latter company in a leading position in its field in Worcester County. Mr. Neff is considered one of the foremost executives in the textile industry in this part of Worcester County, and is a member of the National Association of Worsted and Woolen Overseers, and also of the Blackstone Valley Mill Association. Politically he is affiliated with the Republican party, and from 1912 to 1919 he served as a Selectman of the town of Millbury, during four years of this period acting as chairman of the board. Fraternally, Mr. Neff is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Foresters of America, and the Improved Order of Red Men. He attends the Federated church of Millbury.

Augustus C. Neff married, in 1903, Christina Koehler, who was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of three children: Leonard W., Stanley K., and Evelyn M.

CAPTAIN JAMES F. MAHAR—That it is vitally essential for the fire department of any community to be in charge of a man of mature experience, and of absolute courage and dependability, all people recognize, and this Clinton, Massachusetts, has achieved in its appointment to the position of Captain James F. Mahar. Captain Mahar is a native of Clinton, where he was born July 27, 1858, of Irish parentage. His father was Thomas Mahar, originally from Tipperary, Ireland, and a farmer by occupation throughout his life, his death occurring in 1907, in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. His mother, Ann (Gannon) Mahar, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and died five years before her husband, in 1902.

Mr. Mahar went to the public schools as a boy, and when his education was finished, entered the livery business, which he followed for twenty-five years. In 1908 he retired from that line of endeavor and took a position as a driver in the Clinton Fire Department, which he held until 1915, when his faithful and efficient service was rewarded by appointment as captain, his offices being in the Central Fire Station of Clinton. Mr. Mahar is a member of the organization of Permanent Fire Relief for Firemen, and is also prominent in the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Captain Mahar's favorite recreation is motoring.

Mr. Mahar was united in marriage, in 1872, with Triner Sisk, a native of New Brunswick, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Mahar have two children: 1. Lucy, who is the wife of Ephriam Mosher, of New Brunswick, Canada, they have one son, Willard. 2. Henry Edwards, who

was educated in Clinton. He was the youngest soldier to enlist from Clinton during the World War, he having joined the United States marines in 1916, when but sixteen years of age. He served fourteen months in France with the American Expeditionary Forces, and received his discharge June 1, 1922, since which time he has lived in Clinton. The Mahar family are valued communicants of St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

FREDERIC W. MOORE—Born in the West, but spending the greater part of his life in New England, Frederic W. Moore has been a figure of importance in the textile industry in Worcester County, Massachusetts, as agent for the Cordis Mills, at Millbury, Massachusetts. Mr. Moore filled this responsible position for just thirty-two years, and his position in the community is one of dignity and honor. He is a member of a family long prominent in Canada, and a son of Thomas E. Moore, who was born at Moore's Mill, New Brunswick, Canada, and was engaged in the textile industry until his death, which occurred in 1903. The mother, Gertrude E. (Moody) Moore, was born at Malone, New York, and died in 1919.

Frederic W. Moore was born at Port Huron, Michigan, November 16, 1857. The family later removing to Massachusetts, he was educated in the public schools of Lowell, and a second removal placed him in the schools of Exeter, New Hampshire. In preparation for his business career, Mr. Moore went to Rockford, Illinois, where he covered a comprehensive business course. Returning East, Mr. Moore entered the employ of the Exeter Manufacturing Company of Exeter, New Hampshire, where he was active in the capacity of paymaster for a period of six years. He then went to New Brunswick in 1882, and there familiarized himself with various branches of the textile industry, after which he returned to Massachusetts to accept a position with the Otis Company of Ware. There he remained for only a short time, and his next position was with the Thorndike Company of Thorndike, Massachusetts, where he was employed for about six years. He then entered the employ of the H. L. Aldrich Manufacturing Company, of Moosup, Connecticut, as superintendent of their plant, and remained in that connection for about one year. With his valuable experience and the marked ability which he showed in this connection, Mr. Moore was considered a young man of promise, and was offered and accepted the position of agent for the Cordis Mills at Millbury, Massachusetts, in May, 1891, and in this capacity he served efficiently and ably until May 1, 1923, when he retired. The progress of the plant was steady and permanent under his administration of its affairs. Mr. Moore holds a position of prominence in the community, and is universally esteemed. He is trustee and vice-president of the Millbury Savings Bank, also president and treasurer of the Millbury Steel Foundry, and a director of the Cordis Mills. During the World War he served as chairman of the Public Service Committee for the town of Millbury.

In fraternal circles Mr. Moore is widely known, being a member of all Masonic bodies, both York and Scottish Rites, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has been connected with Masonic

activities for more than thirty-five years, and in 1897 served as Worshipful Master of Olive Branche Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He has for many years attended the Episcopal church, and is junior warden of St. John's Church at Wilkinsonville. Mr. Moore has taken a great deal of interest in agriculture, and flowers, and shrubbery, which is his form of recreation.

Frederic W. Moore married, in 1882, Susie H. Nevers, who was born at Amity, Maine, and they are the parents of three daughters: 1. Helen M., who was born September 25, 1883, and died March 17, 1923; she married Giles Merrill, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and had two children: Cushing and Barbara Evelyn. 2. Gertrude L., born October 12, 1884. 3. Barbara Leslie, born December 30, 1891.

ANGELO BARBADORO—One of the foremost figures in the progressive group of Italian-American citizens of Milford, Massachusetts, is Angelo Barbadoro, who has been a resident of this community since the opening of the present century. Coming to America as an immigrant, without friends or resources, and taking up his activities in a strange community, he made friends among the people and won his way to large prosperity. He has taken an active and prominent part in various welfare and benevolent endeavors of the town of his adoption, and is now counted among the thoroughly representative men of the day in this community.

Angelo Barbadoro was born in Rome, Italy, July 21, 1876, a son of Dominick and Cecelia Barbadoro, also natives of Italy. His education was acquired in the schools of his native city, and as a young man he had some business experience in Italy. Coming to the United States, he settled in Milford, Massachusetts, in 1900, and here established a business in the importing of fine liquors, in which line he was engaged until his retirement a few years ago. From his earliest residence in Milford Mr. Barbadoro has taken a deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community, especially along the lines of Americanization work among his fellow countrymen. Early becoming a citizen of the United States, he has supported the Republican party consistently and loyally, but has never sought opportunities of official service. He is a leading member of the Italian Labor Society of Milford, and in every movement which will benefit, either his own people or the general public, his loyalty to the worthy object has been most marked. He is still prominent in benevolent activities, and indeed his leisure time is principally devoted to endeavors of one kind or another for his fellow townspeople. He has built a fine residence on North Street, Milford, and with his family stands among the leaders in the Italian-American social circles in this part of Worcester County. The family are identified with the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, of which Mr. Barbadoro is an active worker.

Mr. Barbadoro married, at Milford, March 3, 1902, Veronica Mucoioli, to whom he ascribes in a large measure his success in life, and who is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Mucoioli. Mr. and Mrs. Barbadoro are the parents of three children: 1. Alma, born December 20, 1903. 2. Henry, born September 27, 1904, a student in Brown University. 3. Helena, born November 27, 1908.

JOHN DAVIDSON—For more than three decades John Davidson, agent in Clinton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, for the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company, has been identified with the carpet manufacturing industry. He has made himself thoroughly familiar with every department of the business management and also with every stage of the process of manufacturing, and can himself take a hand at the weaving, if he so chooses.

Mr. Davidson was born in Kipperminster, England, February 8, 1871, son of John and Annie (Taylor) Davidson. He came to this country when he was only nine years of age, and received his education in the public schools of Yonkers, New York. When school days were over and he was about thirteen years of age, he found employment with Alexander Smith & Son, under Mr. Timsons, a noted inventor, at the carpet mill at Yonkers, and that connection he maintained for a period of four years. He then went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and associated himself with his father, who was operating a small carpet manufacturing plant in that city. After remaining with his father for a time, he decided to make a thorough study of the carpet manufacturing industry, and in order to widen his experience and increase his knowledge, he associated himself with the Schofield and Mason mill in Philadelphia, a concern which is engaged in the making of brussels and other woolen carpets. About 1896 he went to Thompsonville, Connecticut, where he entered the employ of the Hartford Carpet Company, now known as the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company, working in the chenille-axminster department, of which he was later placed in charge. When that department was discontinued he was made superintendent of the axminster department, and it was in this department that he learned to weave, a girl operator being his instructor for about three days. Subsequently, he held practically every position in the department, first as passer, then as loom fixer, taking a turn at each separate process, then as foreman, and finally as superintendent of the whole department. In 1914 he was transferred to Clinton, Massachusetts, as agent for the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company, and that responsible position he has continued to efficiently fill to the present time. His thorough knowledge of the carpet-making industry, and his long experience, both as operator and as supervisor, are valuable assets in the successful discharge of the duties of his present position, and he has the entire confidence of the firm with which he is associated.

Fraternally Mr. Davidson is well known, being a member of Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Clinton, Massachusetts, in which order he is also a member of Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar, and he is a member of Luppel Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to Friendship Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Thompsonville, Connecticut; also the encampment; and to Asentuck Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Thompsonville, Connecticut. In addition to these fraternal affiliations he is also associated with various other organizations, of both a social and a business character. He is a member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and a past vice-president; a director on the board of the Clinton Trust Company; is a member and ex-president of the Prescott Club; a member and past president of

the Runaway Brook Country Club; also of the Old Continentals of Worcester, Massachusetts. He finds healthful recreation in golf and in hunting and fishing, and numbers among his friends many who enjoy those diversions with him. His religious connection is with the Clinton Congregational Church.

Mr. Davidson married Minnie E. Bryant, daughter of Frank B. and Emma (Raghers) Bryant, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Elsie May, who married George Lougee, and has two children: Mary and Jack. 2. Harold, who was born at Mount Holly, New Jersey, in December, 1893, and is a graduate of Staunton Military Institute of Virginia. He enlisted for service in the World War, May 6, 1917, in the Massachusetts Field Artillery, and sailed for France July 28, 1917. He was wounded in action, was in several hospitals, and died from the effects of the wound he received. His maternal great-grandfather died during the Civil War, while serving with a New Jersey regiment, and the family tradition of service and unselfish sacrifice has been fully upheld by Harold Davidson, even to "the last full measure of devotion." He was a member of the Lamsdec Club of Clinton, and his religious affiliation was with the Congregational church of Clinton. He is buried in France.

AMOS G. MADDOX—Standing at the head of production in one of the important textile mills in Worcester County, Massachusetts, Amos G. Maddox is bearing a very practical and definite part as superintendent of the Linwood Mill at Linwood, Massachusetts. Trained in the work in which he is now engaged in his native State of Maine, Mr. Maddox has had broad experience and has won his way by his own endeavors to a position of prominence and large usefulness. He is a son of Amos Maddox, who was born in Kennebunk, Maine, and was by occupation a mechanic. The mother, Sarah J. (Colby) Maddox, was also a native of Maine.

Amos G. Maddox was born at Kennebunk, Maine, April 24, 1863. His education was acquired in Saco, Maine, in the public schools, but was very limited, as he was compelled to enter the world of industry at the early age of thirteen years. Ambitious to get ahead in the world and better his prospects, Mr. Maddox supplemented his meager education with various correspondence courses, both of technical and classical nature, and with his acquisitive and retentive mind, stored away valuable funds of useful information. His first industrial experience entered upon as a boy of thirteen years, was in the carding department of the Pepperell Mill of Biddeford, Maine, where he eventually remained for eleven years. He then accepted a position at Greenville, New Hampshire, with the Bliss-Fabyan Company of the Columbia Mills, and for one year was in charge of the carding and spinning departments of that plant. His next experience was of a constructive and valuable nature in Fall River, Massachusetts, where he remained for one year, opening up and stabilizing the carding department of the No. 2 Richard Borden Mill of that city. He then became overseer of the carding department in the Whittenton Mill at Taunton, Massachusetts, but resigned after a period of only four months to accept a similar position with the Manchaug Mill at Manchaug, Massachusetts. Mr. Maddox took up the duties of overseer at the Linwood Mill in 1898, and his ability and



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experience soon placed him in line for promotion., Only two years and a half after coming to this organization he was made superintendent of the plant, and this position he still ably fills.

Mr. Maddox has few interests outside of his work, but is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias, of Saco, of which he is a Past Chancellor. He also is a member of the Economic Club, Worcester Congregational Club, National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, Boston Textile Club, and the Southern New England Textile Club. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Mr. Maddox married Lucretia S. McKeen, who was born in Biddeford, Maine, and is a daughter of Aaron and Harriet (Clark) McKeen. Mr. and Mrs. Maddox are the parents of four children: Ernest G., born in Saco, Maine; Harold A., born in Saco, Maine; Amos R., born in Linwood, Massachusetts; and Harriet O., born in Linwood, Massachusetts.

EDWIN S. PEASE, ranking as the oldest dealer in his line in Clinton, Massachusetts, is one of the best known and most substantial business men of the community. Mr. Pease is a native of Newfields, New Hampshire, where he was born February 16, 1857, a son of Hollis and Mary (Jones) Pease, both of whom were New Hampshire born. His father, who died in 1885, followed the occupation of a contracting carpenter during his lifetime. His mother died in March, 1923.

Mr. Pease acquired his elementary education in the public schools of his native community, after which he took a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College in Boston, Massachusetts. When he had finished his studies he began his career as a wage earner by taking a position with the Highland Street Railway Company of the Hub City, continuing in that work for a year and a half. The following two years he was in the meat business, and at the end of that time he came to Clinton and followed the same line for a short time, after which he became an independent factor for two years. Following that he took a position with the Fairbanks Company of Clinton, with whom he remained until 1884, when he went to Swift & Company in New York for two years. Subsequent to that for a similar period he was engaged with the Squires Company, and in 1888 returned to Clinton, where he has resided ever since, and been continuously engaged in the meat trade as retail dealer. Mr. Pease is a citizen of the progressive type, and a leading factor in the social, civic, and religious life of the community. He is a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce, and also belongs to the Prescott Club, while his religious support is given to the church of the Unitarian denomination.

Mr. Pease married (first), in 1884, Ida J. Booth, and of this union two children were born: Amy Booth, and Hollis E., who enlisted in the 76th Division of the United States Army for World War service in 1917, and served until 1919, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal. Mrs. Pease died in 1908, mourned by all who knew her as a woman of beautiful character and a devoted wife and mother. On May 20, 1922, Mr. Pease married (second) Mary L. Evans.

WALTER EMERY MILES—As superintendent of the Edgar E. Miles bookbindery, located in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Mr. Miles is contributing to the development of one of the largest publishing houses of vest pocket diaries and dictionaries in this country. He is a son of Edgar E. and Ruth L. (Cutler) Miles.

Edgar E. Miles was born in Cayuga County, New York, August 7, 1859, where his education was begun in the local public schools and later completed at the Battle Creek College, Battle Creek, Michigan. When he had graduated from the latter institution he entered into ministerial work among Seventh Day Adventists and continues as a lay preacher in that denomination. His father was William E. Miles, born in Warren, Pennsylvania, and engaged in farming until 1912, the year of his death. His mother, Elector Cornelia (Fuller) Miles, was born in Cayuga County, New York, and died in 1915. In June, 1883, Edgar E. Miles married (first) Ruth Cutler, of Moravia, New York, who died in September, 1905, and they were the parents of the following children: Carol Cutler, Myrtle Estelle, Seth Herbert, Walter Emery, of whom further; Gerald Edgar, and Inez Ruth. He married (second), January, 9, 1910, Martha V. Lord, a native of Switzerland.

Walter E. Miles was born in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, April 27, 1892. His education was obtained in the South Lancaster Academy. After completing his studies he at once became associated with his father in the publishing business and continues in that line at the present time. In 1903 the idea of establishing a book-binding business for publishing vest pocket editions of diaries and dictionaries, which would provide work for students of South Lancaster Academy, became a reality. This academy, a denominational school for the preparation of evangelists in foreign fields, has grown to such proportions that it is now recognized as a college and known as the Atlantic Union College. By action of the School Board students are credited with vocational training and are equipped with a knowledge of book-binding. The growth of the publishing company has placed it among the leaders in their line, and such concerns as the F. W. Woolworth stores are supplied with these small editions. All of the work, and the greater part by machinery, is done in the company's building, which consists of two floors and basement and employing about sixty people.

Walter Emery Miles was united in marriage, September 10, 1916, with Marie King, a native of New York City.

G. MONTI, in the designing and manufacture of cemetery memorials of the firm of Monti & Rossi, of Milford, Massachusetts, is a noteworthy figure. Mr. Monti is a native of Italy, but for twenty-one years has been a resident of the United States, and during his long activity in America he has given of his best endeavors to the welfare and progress of the country of his adoption. Mr. Monti is a member of a distinguished family of Italy.

He was born in Milan, Italy, December 19, 1872, son of Michael and Josephine Monti, both natives of that country. His education was acquired in the schools of his native city, and as a young man he chose his present

field of activity, believing that in this line of work he would find worthy opportunity for the expression of his artistic talents. In the employ of the Milan Monumental Works of Italy, he served four years of unpaid apprenticeship, working in all the various departments and thoroughly mastering the trade in that center of Italian art. He continued with the same concern as a master worker until coming to America and thereafter followed his trade. In the year 1911, Mr. Monti came to Milford, Massachusetts, and established his own business in this community. The people of this section have found his work to be of unusual artistic value. He works from living models, and from the simplest shaft to the most beautiful mausoleum, he gives his work the touch of distinction which is only found under the hand of a genius. He turns out most beautiful memorials, and the demand for these has been so great, since his coming to Milford, that he has had no time to devote to the smaller memorials. He is considered in this section an artist, rather than a monument worker, and from his hands memorials are being sought at constantly more distant points, until his name has become widely known throughout the New England States. In the public life of the community, the State and the Nation, Mr. Monti feels the deepest interest, and since becoming an American citizen, he has supported the Republican party; he has not sought nor desired public office. His religious affiliation is with the Church of the Sacred Heart.

Mr. Monti married, at Milford, Massachusetts, Virginia Clerici. They are the parents of one child, America.

THOMAS B. JOHNSON—Conducting as he does the largest business enterprise of its kind in Clinton, Thomas B. Johnson has a clear title to a place among the leading men of the community. Mr. Johnson came originally from Lancashire, England, where he was born August 16, 1890, a son of Bolton and Margaret (Waddington) Johnson, both of whom were natives of the same city as their son. His father was engaged as a coal miner the greater part of his life, and is now employed in Clinton. His mother passed away in 1896.

After completing his education in the national schools of his home community, Mr. Johnson took employment in the textile industry, and continued therein until 1914, when he came to Clinton and was for the following eight years identified with the garage business here. In 1922 he bought out what was formerly known as the Hartwell Garage and sales office for Durant and Reo cars, and has since conducted the business for himself as an independent factor, and now owns the largest and best equipped garage and shop in Clinton. The shop is fully equipped for all kinds of machine work, and makes a specialty of automobile repairing. The business is in a very prosperous condition, and under Mr. Johnson's energetic and competent management will doubtless experience still greater expansion in the future.

Thomas B. Johnson was united in marriage, in 1914, with Emma Cooke, who is also a native of Lancashire, England, and they are the parents of one child, a son, Frank B., Jr., who was born October 16, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Clinton Methodist Episcopal Church, to which they give generous support in its various activities, both in financial and personal service capacities.

HERBERT B. SAWYER—Since 1906 Herbert B. Sawyer has ably filled the position of agent of the American Railway Express Company at Clinton, Massachusetts, and he is esteemed both as a business man and as a citizen. In the retrospect Mr. Sawyer's career has been one of hard work but of constant progress, and he is in every sense of the phrase a self-made man.

Mr. Sawyer was born in Bolton, Massachusetts, March 24, 1871, son of Benjamin and Priscilla Sophia (Rice) Sawyer. His parents were farming people, and it was upon one of the old New England farms that Mr. Sawyer grew to manhood. He attended the old district school in Bolton, and during such vacations as the summer period and holiday time, he was accustomed to aid his father in the work about the homestead. In this way he grew up through a sturdy, healthy boyhood, accustomed to hard work and with a determination to make a success of whatever task he undertook. When he was twenty years of age Mr. Sawyer was conducting a milk route in Clinton, and was thus occupied for a period of five years. He then returned to his native town and farming interests claimed his attention until 1900, in which year he first entered the employ of the company of which he is now agent. He began at the very bottom in the business with the American Express Company, as this was previous to the general consolidation of the express companies, and after two years as a driver of one of the wagons, Mr. Sawyer was appointed train messenger. His route was from Clinton to Boston, and daily for four years he made this trip. From the beginning his record was one that commended him to his superiors, and accordingly in 1906 he was appointed agent at Clinton. This was during the old *regime*, and when the companies combined to form the present American Railway Express Company, Mr. Sawyer was retained in his office as agent, which in itself is sufficient proof of his ability and business acumen.

During the many years he has been a resident of Clinton, Mr. Sawyer has very naturally interested himself in its welfare; as an officer of one of the public utilities, he takes more than a passing interest in other public matters, and is always anxious to further any movement having the welfare of the town at heart. He is a Republican, staunch in his support of that party, and fraternally is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being Past Noble Grand of Clinton Lodge. His hobby is fishing.

Herbert B. Sawyer married, October 27, 1903, Alice Stearns White, daughter of Charles H. and Mariette (Merriam) White. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer are attendants of the Clinton Baptist Church, and both are earnest workers in its support and charitable work.

HENRY B. SAMPSON—The postmastership of South Lancaster, Massachusetts, is held by Mr. Sampson, who is well known to his fellow-citizens both in that connection and through his prominence as a fraternity member and public official. He is a son of George A. and Sarah E. (Turner) Sampson; the former of whom was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts, and the latter in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Henry B. Sampson was born in South Lancaster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, May 14, 1885. He attended the public schools here, graduating from high school in 1903, then attended the South Lancaster Acad-



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emy. His first position after leaving school was with the Clinton Wire Cloth Company, where he acted as clerk in the shipping department, and by 1921 he had risen to the position of paymaster. At that time he left the company to accept his present position in the post office, February 22, 1922.

Fraternally Mr. Sampson is a Mason and a member of Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Clinton Chapter, No. 2453, Royal Arch Masons; and the commandery; he is also a member of Clinton Lodge, No. 1306, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Prescott Club. During the World War he was first lieutenant of the Clinton Rifles. For twelve years has served as Town Auditor and Republican Town Committeeman. He is a member of the Unitarian church. Being an enthusiast of outdoor sports, he takes great pleasure in fox hunting, fishing, golf, and tennis.

ELLIOT R. B. ALLARDICE—For twenty-seven years Elliot R. B. Allardice has been identified with the Metropolitan Water Works of Massachusetts, and since 1907 he has been the efficient superintendent of the Wachusett division. Since the completion of his school training his energies have been devoted to his profession, that of civil engineer, and in the department of which he has been superintendent for the past sixteen years, he is recognized as an able engineer.

Mr. Allardice is a descendant of very old families, both on the maternal and paternal sides, and through his father's line traces his ancestry to James I, of England. His mother's family are of "Mayflower" ancestry, and the Elliot name has been prominent throughout the early Colonial history of the country as well as in later years. His father, David Allardice, now deceased, was for many years employed by the Rhode Island Company, and his mother is Fannie Foster (Elliot) Allardice. Elliot R. B. Allardice was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, October 10, 1873, and removed to Providence, Rhode Island, when seven years old, receiving his education in the public schools of that place, including the high schools. When school days were over his first employment was in the office of the City Engineer at Providence, Rhode Island, and it was there that he served his four years' apprenticeship. He utilized every moment and devoted his full energy to the study of his profession, with the result that in a comparatively short time he was promoted to the position of assistant engineer. In 1896 he removed to Clinton, Massachusetts, and became associated with the Metropolitan Water Works as a rodman, and later was made senior engineer. In 1901 he was placed in charge of construction and the maintenance department, and six years later, in 1907, he was appointed superintendent of the Wachusett division. The last-named position he has continued to hold to the present time (1923), a period of nearly three decades.

Mr. Allardice is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Boston Society of Civil Engineers, and of the New England Water Works Association; he has always kept closely in touch with the advancement and with the accomplishments made in civil engineering lines throughout the country. He is a resourceful and progressive man in his profession, and has given excellent service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and

to the district which is dependent upon the water supply system. In addition to his responsibilities as superintendent of the Metropolitan Water Works, Mr. Allardice is a member of the board of directors of the Wachusett Coöperative Bank. He has a host of friends in Clinton; is fond of out-of-door sports, and is well known in Masonic circles, being a member of Trinity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Clinton, and of Clinton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is also a member of the Prescott Club of Clinton, and his religious affiliation is with the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Elliot R. B. Allardice married, on June 1, 1899, Nettie F. Harrington, daughter of Denzel and Mary (Goodale) Harrington. Mr. and Mrs. Allardice are the parents of two children: 1. Carleton B., who was born October 1, 1901; was educated in the grammar and high schools of Clinton, Massachusetts; Phillips-Exeter, of Exeter, New Hampshire; and Dean Academy, Franklin, Massachusetts, graduating in 1921. He then entered the automobile business. 2. Janice G. B., who was born May 7, 1905, was educated in the grammar and high schools of Clinton, Massachusetts, and is now a freshman in Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts.

EDWARD J. STEVENS, as manager in the city of Worcester for the Tait Brothers, Incorporated, holds a widely prominent position in the business world of Worcester County. He has built up this interest from the smallest beginnings, and his practical ability has carried him to a high position among the really significant men of the day in this city. Mr. Stevens is a son of Josiah P. Stevens, who was born at Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, and spent his active life in railroading. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served as a member of Company I, 27th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He saw action in many of the important engagements of that struggle, including Cold Harbor, Shiloh, Ball's Bluff, and the battle of the Wilderness. Mr. Stevens' maternal grandfather, Michael Lyons, was lieutenant under General Fremont in his campaigns against the Indians, and Mr. Stevens now has his commission. Mr. Stevens paternal great-grandfather, Nathan Stevens, fought in the Revolution at Boston, and after that removed to what is now Indian Orchard and bought several hundred acres of land. On part of that farm the family cemetery was established, and it still remains at the forks of the road formerly known as Stevens' Crossing, at Indian Orchard, and the generations of the family since have been buried there.

Edward J. Stevens was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, February 2, 1870, son of Josiah P. and Margaret (Lyons) Stevens. His education was acquired in the public schools of that city, and as a young man he learned the printer's trade, which he followed for several years. During this period he went to Readsboro, Vermont, and at the age of twenty-one years had full charge of the "Readsboro Enterprise." Later selling that paper, Mr. Stevens returned to Springfield, where he was associated in the grocery and meat business with a partner for twelve years. On May 1, 1908, he came to Worcester to open a branch for the Tait Brothers Company, but he began in a very small way with one horse and cart and one small ice cream machine. Mr. Stevens' energy and business ability is well demon-

strated in the fact that under his management the Worcester branch of this concern now handles more than \$500,000 worth of business per year in milk, butter, and ice cream, placing this concern among the foremost in this field in Worcester County.

Mr. Stevens commands the respect and esteem of his contemporaries in every field of business effort, and is an influential member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of Hampden Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Springfield; Aletheia Grotto, of Worcester; Worcester Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest and the present treasurer; Hiram Council, Royal and Select Masters; Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar; Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Worcester Masonic Club; Worcester Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; is Past Chancellor Commander of Freedom Lodge, No. 121, Knights of Pythias, of Worcester; and a member of the United Commercial Travelers' Association; and the Rotary Club, of Worcester.

Mr. Stevens married Carrie Leone Reed, who was born in Readsboro, Vermont, and they are the parents of the following children: Edward R., J. Elmer, Dorothy I., Leone E., Margaret Lyons, and Thomas R.

CHARLES B. BORDEN—In the electrical world of Westboro, Massachusetts, Charles B. Borden holds a leading position as superintendent of the Westboro Gas and Light Company. Trained for his profession in leading institutions, he has won a position of prominence, and in achieving his own success is doing much for the welfare and prosperity of the community. Mr. Borden is a son of the late Charles A. and Elizabeth (Johnston) Borden, and his father, who died in 1920, was a sea captain for twenty-five years, and during the latter part of his life was active as a contractor and builder at Saugus, Massachusetts.

Charles B. Borden was born at Lynn, Massachusetts, March 27, 1892. The family removing to Saugus, Massachusetts, when he was about a year old, he received his early education in the public and high schools of that community. He later became a student at the Lynn Young Men's Christian Association Electrical School, where he studied for two years, then, for two years, continued this same line of study with the International Correspondence School, and more recently he has done advanced post-graduate work in business administration with the La Salle Extension University, of Chicago, Illinois. His first experience was with the Brockaway-Smith Company of Boston and Lynn, Massachusetts, and he later became identified with the General Electric Company, where he spent a period of apprenticeship learning the practical application of his technical knowledge. He was active in the meters and instruments departments for some time, then became assistant engineer of these departments. Resigning from this position, he went to Summit, New Jersey, where he was associated with the Commonwealth Water and Light Company, where he had charge of the electric meter department for two years. Then returning to his native State, Mr. Borden located at Marlboro, Massachusetts, as the new business representative of the Marlboro Electric Company. There he remained until

October 14, 1917, when he accepted the appointment as superintendent of the Westboro, Gas and Electric Company, a property leased by the Marlboro Electric Company. Mr. Borden has increased the volume of business done by this concern more than one hundred per cent since it has been under his supervision, and the efficiency of the plant is a subject of remark among its patrons. Mr. Borden supports the Republican party in political affairs, but has never accepted public honors. Fraternally he is a member of Siloam Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Westboro; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Westboro Country Club. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Borden married, at Lawrence, Massachusetts, October 15, 1916, Mary Lucy Leader, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Saunders) Leader.

MELVIN H. DAVIS—One of the most successful garage enterprises of Westboro and vicinity is that of Melvin H. Davis, who has won a very wide reputation for his excellent work and his obliging way of meeting the needs of his numberless customers. Mr. Davis has achieved his own success, working up from the smallest beginning to his present comprehensive automobile service and sales interest. He is an esteemed citizen of Westboro, and is prominent in fraternal circles. Mr. Davis is a son of Adin and Ada A. (Blatchesford) Davis, his father a shipbuilder of Gloucester, Massachusetts, for many years.

Melvin H. Davis was born at Gloucester, Massachusetts, October 17, 1873. His education was received in the local public schools, and after completing his studies he served an apprenticeship at the trade of machinist with the firm of Richardson Brothers, of Gloucester. Upon the completion of that period of preparation for his career, he materially added to his usefulness by also learning the craft of pattern making at Hopedale, Massachusetts, in the employ of the Draper Company of that place. After two years in this connection, Mr. Davis went to Schenectady, New York, where for one year he was active as a pattern maker in the employ of the General Electric Company. He then went to Philadelphia as foreman of the pattern making department of Schaum & Uhlinger, where he remained for two years. He next returned to New England, and for one year was identified with the P. & F. Corbin Company of New Britain, Connecticut, as designer. He then went to Lynn, Massachusetts, where he was engaged in the same capacity with the General Electric Company at their Lynn plant. Then, in 1913, Mr. Davis came to Westboro, Massachusetts, and at that time determined upon striking out in an independent way, although his resources consisted principally of courage and experience. He hired a barn large enough to store two automobiles and here founded his present fine garage business. From this small start he has developed a very extensive business and now acts as agent for the Studebaker and Overland cars, as well as conducting a first-class and thoroughly modern service station and storage garage. His interests center in Westboro, and here he has a handsome modern salesroom of concrete construction 26x40 feet in ground dimensions, his service station being 40x70 feet, and the storage building, 55x70 feet. In addition

he has a complete branch office in Marlboro, and these interests are growing and thriving constantly. Thus Mr. Davis has placed himself among the leading automobile men in this part of Worcester County, and his success is contributing definitely to the welfare of the people and meeting the needs of the motoring public. Fraternally he is a member of Siloam Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Westboro; Houghton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Marlboro; Marlboro Council, Royal and Select Masters; and is also a member of the Westboro Country Club. He attends the Unitarian church.

Mr. Davis married, at Worcester, Massachusetts, October 17, 1904, Flora H. Butler, daughter of Frank J. and Abbie (Bush) Butler.

REV. JOHN SOLAK—Devoting his life to the sacred offices of the priesthood and leading his people forward in earnest practical endeavor as well as in the spiritual life, Rev. John Solak is doing great good as pastor of the Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church of Webster, Massachusetts, which he has now served for nearly two years. Father Solak is a man of progressive spirit, and is in sympathy with all branches of civic and benevolent advance. He is a son of John and Frances (Michalik) Solak, farming people of Poland.

Father Solak was born in Tarnow, Poland, February 24, 1887. His education was begun in the public schools of his native land, and after completing the course at the gymnasium he was employed in Poland for a number of years. Coming to America in 1912 he traveled more or less for about a year, learning the language and customs of the country. He was deeply impressed with the need of his fellow-countrymen in America of religious leadership and instruction in their native language and by their own people. Seeking the greatest opportunity of service among them, he attended the Polish National Catholic Church Seminary, at Scranton, Pennsylvania, and was ordained from that institution in the year 1917, by the bishop of the church, Bishop Francis Hodur. His first appointment was in the State of Minnesota, where he organized the parish of the Sacred Heart Church at Alberta, and served as its first pastor. He built up a prosperous congregation, teaching and leading them in the doctrines of the church, and left them well established in the Christian life. Appointed thereafter to the pastorate of the Holy Trinity Church of Webster, he came to this community in May, 1920, and took up the duties which he has since devoutly filled. Father Solak has organized many societies in the church for boys and girls, as well as for men and women, principally along educational lines of effort. He holds a school four days in the week for boys and girls to study the Polish language and religion, and the people of the congregation are constantly progressing as a religious body under his leadership. During the World War Father Solak was very active in the many branches of home war work, giving largely of his time and energies to the advancement of any movement for the aid and support of the Allied forces. He has won the confidence and esteem of the people of Webster, irrespective of their religious faith, and is counted among the broadly useful and progressive men of the day in this community.

BENJAMIN W. AYRES, JR.—In the life insurance business in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, the name of Ayres is prominent, Benjamin W. Ayres being active as agent for the State Mutual Life Assurance Company in this city, a position which he has ably filled for about three years. Highly educated and possessing a natural business ability, Mr. Ayres is taking a constructive part in the business life of this city, and is steadily increasing the scope of the great organization with which he is identified in this vicinity. Mr. Ayres is a son of Benjamin W. and Madeline (Lavalley) Ayres. His father has been active for many years in Worcester as a typewriter distributor.

Benjamin W. Ayres, Jr., was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, June 28, 1898. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his birthplace, and after his graduation from high school he entered Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in June, 1920, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then took a post-graduate course at Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in life insurance salesmanship, then became associated with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company as one of their Worcester agents, and is still active in this capacity, filling the responsibilities of this important position with the judgment and efficiency which might well reflect credit upon a man of greater age and wider experience. Mr. Ayres is prominent in social circles in Worcester, and is a member of the Commonwealth Club, the Century Club, the University Club, and the Worcester Country Club. He is secretary of the Dartmouth Club, of Worcester, and fraternally is identified with Bezaleel Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons, of Hanover, New Hampshire, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. During the World War Mr. Ayres enlisted, in July, 1918, in the United States Army, and was commissioned second lieutenant at Plattsburg Barracks, New York, after which he was assigned to an infantry regiment at Camp Grant, Illinois. The armistice intervened before he was called into active service, and upon his return to civilian life Mr. Ayres completed his college course. He is a well known devotee of the game of golf and is a familiar figure on the links of the Worcester Country Club. His religious affiliation is with the Universalist church.

Mr. Ayres married, on June 22, 1922, Ellen E. Barrett, daughter of Leon J. and Martha (Hyde) Barrett, of Worcester.

ANTON BERNARD SCHLICKMAN—One of the substantial and well established business factors of Clinton, Massachusetts, is Anton Bernard Schlickman, who has been conducting a retail shoe store here since 1908. Mr. Schlickman is a native of Borghorst, Prussia, where he was born March 7, 1866, a son of Henry and Elizabeth Schlickman, both natives of Prussia. His father, who died when Anton B. was fifteen years old, during his life followed the occupation of a builder of threshing machines. His mother died when he was five years of age.

Mr. Schlickman acquired his education in the schools of his native land, and for nine years was engaged in the textile industry there before coming to this country in 1888. Arriving in Clinton in that year, he immediately secured employment in the Lancaster Mills, where he

remained for two years, at the same time studying American citizenship and language, leaving to accept a position with McQuaid Brothers, with whom he continued until 1908. He then established himself in the retail shoe business, by purchasing the store formerly owned by Lorenz Jenzer, and has ever since been engaged in this line of mercantile endeavor. He carries a fine stock of high-grade shoes, and is also agent for the well known "Walk-Over" brand of footwear in Clinton. The business is a very prosperous one, and is attracting a constantly increasing number of customers, who appreciate first class service and dependable merchandise.

Since becoming a permanent resident here Mr. Schlickman has demonstrated his qualities as a public-spirited citizen, and has taken an active part in social, civic, and religious affairs. For three years he served as a member of the local Water Commission, and for a period covering seven years was secretary of the Finance Committee of Clinton, Massachusetts. He maintains membership in a number of the leading clubs and societies here, and is especially interested in hunting. Some of his connections in this line are the Clinton Rod and Gun Club, West Boylston Men's Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he was president of the German Turn Verein for Massachusetts. Mr. Schlickman was active in amateur theatricals in his native land and also in Clinton.

Mr. Schlickman married, in 1895, Katherine C. Brockelman, and they have a family of four children: Katherine C., Henry F., Joseph O., and Paul B. The two sons, Henry F. and Joseph O. served in the United States Army during the World War as volunteers. The family are communicants of St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

FERDINAND LEMOINE, a noteworthy figure in the industrial world of Southbridge, Massachusetts, holds a leading position in the optical industry as manager in charge of the Simpson-Walters Company. A native of Southbridge and reared and educated in this community, Mr. Lemoine is a son of Paul and Victoria (Lariviere) Lemoine, both natives of Canada and both still living. The father is active in the textile industry in Southbridge.

Ferdinand Lemoine was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, June 16, 1885. Securing a practical preparation for his life work in the local public schools, he entered the business world in an independent way, opening a grocery store in this community and was active along this line until the year 1918, when he was persuaded to accept a position with the Dupaul-Lockhart Company, manufacturers of lenses. He remained with this concern as long as they held the present plant, then when the interest changed hands, Mr. Lemoine remained with the purchasers, the Simpson-Walters Company, whom he now represents as manager of their interests in Southbridge. This is one of the oldest optical concerns in Southbridge, and manufactures lenses in considerable variety, specializing, however, in toric lenses for eyeglasses. They employ about one hundred hands, and with a floor area of some 4,000 square feet, they are producing large quantities of these lenses, which are distributed largely through jobbers. Mr. Lemoine has proved his ability as an executive, and the factory is

going forward successfully under the management of himself and his associate, Isidore L. Ducheneau. Mr. Lemoine owns an interest in the firm, and is a director of the corporation. He is affiliated with the Manufacturers' Association of Southbridge, and fraternally holds membership in the Catholic Order of Foresters, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, also is a member of the Circle Canadien. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church of Notre Dame.

Mr. Lemoine married, in 1907, Orise Craite, who was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of three children: Jeanette M., George A., and Blanche Ruth. The family residence is at No. 32 Pine Street, Southbridge.

FRANK C. BELLIS—In one of the most practical lines of mercantile endeavor and one which is the outgrowth of the universal use of automobiles, Frank C. Bellis is attaining a large success in Worcester, Massachusetts. Mr. Bellis is a son of Garry B. and Annie (Irwin) Bellis, his father a foreman in the employ of M. S. Wright, a leading dealer in vacuum goods in Worcester.

Frank C. Bellis was born in Calais, Maine, March 31, 1886. Receiving a practical preparation for the responsibilities of life in the public schools of his native place, he came to the State of Massachusetts with his parents at the age of thirteen years, the family settling in Hopkinton. There he secured a position as grocery clerk in the employ of C. H. Morse & Company. The family removed to Hudson, Massachusetts, about three years later, but Mr. Bellis went to Medfield and was employed there in a similar position with a grocer for about the same length of time. Then coming to Worcester, Mr. Bellis entered the employ of the H. E. Shaw Company, where he remained for six months, after which he became identified with the E. A. Buck Company. This concern was at that time a leading one in the distribution of oils, petroleum, and grease, and Mr. Bellis was active in this connection as a salesman for a period of ten years (1910-20). On August 1, 1920, he established his present business, locating first at No. 10 Canterbury Street. With headquarters at this location for nearly two years, he also operated gasoline stations on Federal, Lincoln, and Grove streets. In April, 1922, Mr. Bellis erected his present fine modern plant on Tainter Street, and his business has since developed even more rapidly than previously. He deals in all petroleum products, gasoline, and grease of all kinds required by the motorist, and the motoring public has come to recognize him as a thoroughly dependable and always efficient dealer. Mr. Bellis is a member of the National Petroleum Marketers' Association of the United States, and fraternally is identified with Athelstan Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; also the Grotto, and the Worcester Masonic Club. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers' Association, the Ancient and Mystic Order of Bagmen, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Bellis married, on October 31, 1920, Ruth Gordon, daughter of Arthur and Susie (Porter) Gordon.

JOSEPH W. CONE—The life of Joseph W. Cone, of Worcester, Massachusetts, is one of varied interests



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and constant activity, and while he came to this city only about five years ago, his name has come to be one of large prominence in this section, for as the manager of the Grand Theatre of Worcester, he is in close touch with the people, and his work is of daily significance to those who seek in high-class amusements relief and recreation. Mr. Cone is a Westerner by birth and has traveled much in the course of his daily occupation in this and other fields of endeavor.

Owen Sutton M. Cone, Mr. Cone's father, was born in Rochester, New York, and was active as a naval officer during the Civil War. A man of brilliant mental attainments and dauntless spirit, he did much for the cause of the Union, and was wounded at the battle of Ball's Bluff. He was identified with the United States Merchant Marine for a number of years following the war, and later was connected with the United States Weather Bureau, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1909. For many years a member of Lincoln Post, No. 3, Grand Army of the Republic, of Washington, District of Columbia, he was also identified with the Army and Navy Club. He married Mary Ann Boyle, who was born at Bluffton, Indiana, and who is also now deceased.

Joseph W. Cone was born at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 11, 1881. Receiving his education in the public and high schools of Washington, District of Columbia, Mr. Cone was interested from boyhood in naval and nautical affairs, and on the completion of his studies became identified with navigation activities on the Potomac River. For eleven years he continued along this line, on the river during the summers, and for three years of this period at sea. In 1896, during the period of his residence on land, Mr. Cone entered the theatrical business, his first position being in the box office. He has followed this business since more or less regularly, devoting his entire attention to theatrical matters since giving up the sea. During the greater part of his theatrical career Mr. Cone has been active in a managerial capacity, and in 1918 he came to Worcester, Massachusetts, as manager of the Grand Theatre. His ability has been evident since his taking over this play house, and the people of Worcester have found in him a man ever alert to the progress of his profession, ever ready to coöperate with them in every forward movement. He has made many friends in this city and State, and holds a foremost position in his chosen field of endeavor. Fraternally Mr. Cone is very prominent, holding membership in the Masonic order, both the York and Scottish Rites, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member and past president of the Treasurers' Club of America, and is a member of the Lions Club. As a young man Mr. Cone served in the Washington Light Infantry Band during the years 1897-98, and has always been interested in music. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church. He finds his greatest recreation in golf, fishing, and swimming.

Joseph W. Cone married, in 1911, Catherine Cecilia Smith, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, and they are the parents of two children: Joseph Mortimer, born in 1912, and Catherine Dolores, born in 1919.

CARL NORBACK—In the many branches of the arts and crafts which are represented in the business life of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, the enterprise conducted by Carl Norback is an interesting one. He manufactures picture frames, also doing a general line of cabinet work and building specially designed furniture of various kinds. Mr. Norback is a son of Gustaf Norback, who was born in Sweden and was active as a carpenter until his death, which occurred in 1921. The mother, Anna (Anderson) Norback, who was also born in Sweden, died in 1922.

Carl Norback, son of these parents, was born in Vearman, Sweden, September 9, 1874. His education was acquired in the public schools of his native land, and as a young man he learned the trade of carriage builder. He was employed along this line of endeavor in Sweden until 1892, when he came to America, and settling in Worcester, secured employment in the general line of cabinet work. In 1918 Mr. Norback entered business for himself, locating at No. 16 Foster Street, Rooms 303-306, and beginning in the making of picture frames he has gradually developed the business and extended its scope. He has turned out many very beautiful specimens of cabinet work, and in his department of special furniture, designs and builds odd pieces for every room in the house, giving the touch of individuality as well as artistic design and excellent workmanship to everything made in his plant. He employs only the most highly skilled assistants, and his product finds honored place in many of the most beautiful homes of Worcester and vicinity. Indeed it is so much appreciated by lovers of artistic work in this line that other householders from distant points, having seen his work here, seek him for special commissions. Mr. Norback is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the United Commercial Travelers' Association, the Svea Gelle, and is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. He attends the Swedish Lutheran Church.

Mr. Norback married, in 1902, Selma Strombom, who was born in Sweden, and they have two children: Dorothy A. and Nena.

CLARENCE E. ROBBINS—In theatrical circles in many parts of the United States Clarence E. Robbins is well known, and the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, is reaping the benefit of his extensive experience as manager and producer. A progressive and public-spirited man, Mr. Robbins is contributing to many lines of advance in the world of amusements, and stands as an exponent of the successful and high-class theatrical production. He is a son of Captain George L. Robbins, who was born in Upton, Massachusetts, but spent the greater part of his life in the city of Worcester. He was for thirty-five years identified with the fire department of the city of Worcester, continuing in the service until his death. The mother, Ida F. (Goodwin) Robbins, was born in Groveland, Massachusetts, and still survives her husband.

Clarence E. Robbins was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, April 11, 1880. Receiving his early education in the public and high schools of the city, he later attended Childs' Business College, and with this broadly practical preparation for his career, entered the theatrical

business. He was first employed in the box office, but in the course of his activity has filled every position connected with the management of the theatre. He became the first manager of the Franklin Square Theatre of Worcester, and filled this responsible position for a year and a half. Then for a number of years he acted as manager of the Lincoln Park Theatre, after which he went on the road as manager, taking various shows out on tour. In this connection Mr. Robbins was eminently successful, and in the period during which he was thus active he won an enviable reputation among theatrical circles, East, West, and South. In 1917 Mr. Robbins returned to Worcester to open the Strand Theatre. The success of this splendid playhouse is a matter of history in the city of Worcester, and Mr. Robbins, as its manager, is now one of the most familiar figures of the day in the city. A man of broad vision, with a comprehensive knowledge of his work and lofty ideals in it, Mr. Robbins has done much for the progress and uplift of amusements in Worcester, and his influence for good is widely felt. Mr. Robbins is prominent also in fraternal circles, holding membership in all the York Rite bodies of the Masonic order, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, also of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs are the Rotary and the Kiwanis, and he attends the Universalist church of Worcester.

Clarence E. Robbins married, on March 5, 1918, Florence Mabel Nickerson, who was born in Malden, Massachusetts, and they have since resided in the city of Worcester, moving in the leading social circles of this section.

JOHN J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, a prominent figure in the business life of Southbridge Massachusetts, is a well known member of the firm long familiar in this community under the name of the Edwards Company, of which he is vice-president and general manager. This concern, which conducts one of the largest department stores in the towns of Southern Worcester County, is one of the very old and important mercantile enterprises of this section, and is always at the lead where any progressive policy is concerned. Mr. O'Shaughnessy, is a son of Thomas O'Shaughnessy, who was born in Limerick, Ireland, and came to the United States as a young man, settling in Worcester County, Massachusetts. Here he was engaged in the textile industry until his death, which occurred in the year 1898. The mother, Margaret (Fitzpatrick) O'Shaughnessy, is also a native of Limerick, Ireland, and still survives her husband.

John J. O'Shaughnessy was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, July 14, 1876. His education was acquired in the public and high schools of this community, and as a young lad he entered the employ of the Edwards Company in the capacity of errand boy. This was in 1892, when he was only sixteen years of age, and he has since been continuously affiliated with this concern, during the early years of this period learning the business in its various branches and eventually assuming executive responsibility. His energy and efficiency, backed by the unfailing good spirit which has always made him one of the valuable members of the organization, have carried him to a high position in the business life of the community, and as vice-president

and general manager of this concern he is now carrying forward its interests in an able and progressive manner. He is satisfied with nothing less than the most worthy achievement, and the policy of the store bears out his ideas and ideals, giving the people the best goods and the most efficient service in return for a reasonable price. Mr. O'Shaughnessy is a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce, and supporting the Democratic party, has been active for many years in public affairs, serving for two full decades on the Board of Registrars. He is a trustee of the Southbridge Savings Bank and takes a deep interest in all economic advance. His more personal interests include membership in the Knights of Columbus, of which he is Past Grand Knight; the Improved Order of Red Men, of which he is Past Sachem; and the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and he is a member of the Cohasset Country Club, also the Quinebaug Club. He attends St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy married, on September 3, 1902, Mary J. Darcy, who was born at Providence, Rhode Island, and they have one son, John J., Jr., born April 1, 1910.

SANTO MAZZARELLI—Few native born Americans have attained higher positions in the business world of Milford, Massachusetts, than has Santo Mazzarelli, who has been a resident of the United States for thirty-one years and has made his home in Milford since coming to this country. With experience in various lines of industrial effort and the practical business ability which counts for success in any field, he has won his way to an enviable position, and is counted among the most successful men of this community. Mr. Mazzarelli is a member of an old family in his native Italy, and a son of Francisco and Mary Mazzarelli, both natives of that country.

Santo Mazzarelli was born at Bari, State of Castelloni, Italy, April 15, 1862. He received an excellent education in the local schools, and as a young man became interested in the family enterprise which was a widely important one, the firm of the Mazzarello Road Building Company having been one of the foremost concerns in its field in that part of Italy, and ranking with the most important in the country. They built very many fine roads there, and their work is still considered of the highest class, the organization still being active in the same field. Upon coming to America in 1892, Mr. Mazzarelli located in Milford, and for about six years followed stone cutting. In the year 1900 Mr. Mazzarelli started a small bakery, with a flour and grain business in connection, which line he continued successfully until 1914, when he erected his present factory at No. 17 Genoa Avenue, and engaged in the manufacture of macaroni, along with his other successful enterprises. From his first activity in this community Mr. Mazzarelli has been increasingly successful, and he has made it his policy to go forward fearlessly on his faith in the future of this town. Here he has won his success, and here he has invested his profits in real estate, principally of a residential nature, until at present (1923) he is the owner of almost the entire acreage fronting on Genoa Avenue. This property is almost wholly improved, and is an attractive and high-class



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residential section. Mr. Mazzarelli is now one of the largest real estate owners in Milford, and his influence is always cordially given to any movement which will forward the interests of the community and its people. He is a Democrat by political affiliation, but has never accepted public honors, although he is a faithful worker for the progress of his party. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Milford; also the Foresters of America; is identified with the Italian Roman Catholic Church, and is chairman of the board of trustees. He was very active in the work of building this church, giving largely of his own means and of his time in soliciting subscriptions for the building fund. Early in his residence in this country Mr. Mazzarelli made two trips to Italy. On the second trip he brought his family back with him, and they have since resided here continuously.

Mr. Mazzarelli married, at Sulmona, Italy, on July 29, 1889, Nazaram P. Antonio, and they have nine children: Guido and Achillo, both born in Italy; and Francis, Teresa, Mary, Vetrone, Anna, Ida, and Edith, all born in Milford.

ISIDORE L. DUCHENEAU, as one of the prominent executives in the optical manufacturing interests of Southbridge, Massachusetts, is bearing a very definite part in the local prosperity, and is also furnishing the trade with a product of dependable quality. Mr. Ducheneau has been active in other lines of business endeavor, but for the past six years has held responsible positions in this industry, and is now assistant manager and director of the Simpson-Walther Lens Company at their Southbridge plant. He is a son of Oliver Ducheneau, who was born at Burlington, Vermont, and was active as a blacksmith until his death, which occurred April 19, 1897. The mother, Helen (Perreault) Ducheneau, was also a native of Burlington, and she lived to advanced years, passing away in 1923.

Isidore L. Ducheneau was born at Southbridge, Massachusetts, January 9, 1887. Receiving his early education in the local public schools, he also covered the high school course in this community, and during the first twelve or fifteen years of his career was active in the grocery business. In the year 1917 Mr. Ducheneau became affiliated with the Dupaul-Lockhart Company, where he filled the position of foreman until the year 1922, when the business was taken over by the Simpson-Walther Company of Rochester, New York, and since that time Mr. Ducheneau has served as assistant manager and director in the local plant. This concern manufactures a comprehensive line of lenses, the material being received in the rough state and turned into finished lenses in this plant. They distribute their product principally to jobbers, and specialize in toric lenses. When this concern is running at full capacity they employ about one hundred hands and have a floor space of about 4,000 square feet. With the change of ownership mentioned, Mr. Ducheneau took over the management of the concern with Ferdinand Lemoine and holding a directorship in the concern he has been active in its management since. Mr. Ducheneau is interested in the progress of the community, he is the captain of the Southbridge Fire Department, and is devoting his energies to the progress and improvement

of that organization. He is a member of the Manufacturers' Association of Southbridge, and fraternally is affiliated with the Societe St. Jean Baptiste, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Ducheneau attends the Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church.

Isidore L. Ducheneau married, in 1907, Aldora Larivier, who was born at North Brookfield, Massachusetts, and they have one son, Oscar J., who was born October 19, 1908.

E. MILLER FAY—A noteworthy figure in the business life of Worcester, Massachusetts, is E. Miller Fay, whose activities bear a definite relation to the everyday welfare of the people. The scope of his interests is wide from a business point of view, but his name is locally familiar as one of the broadly progressive and forward-looking citizens of Worcester. Mr. Fay is a son of Irwin W. Fay, who was born at Coteau, Ontario, and was a dry goods and general merchant, following this line of activity until his death, which occurred May 22, 1922. The mother, Anna E. (Miller) Fay, was born at Rowlesburg, West Virginia, and died in 1913.

E. Miller Fay, son of these parents, was born at Malone, New York, August 13, 1887. His education was begun in the local public schools, and following a course at Franklin Academy, he entered Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1909, with the degree of Electrical Engineer. Mr. Fay's early experience in his chosen field of endeavor was with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was active for ten years, during the last few years of that period holding executive responsibility. Next becoming affiliated with the E. W. Ham Electric Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts, he was active with that company for a period of two years as sales manager, then in 1921 established what has since been known as the E. M. Fay Electric Company. This concern began doing business January 1, 1921, as wholesale distributors of various electrical appliances and devices. They are exclusive distributors for New England of the Horton washing and ironing machines, also for the America vacuum cleaner, and many article of household equipment for use in connection with the electric current. This is practically the only house in New England doing business strictly and exclusively along wholesale lines in this field of commercial advance. With headquarters at No. 85 Foster Street, they are constantly extending the scope of their operations, and the business is rated among the really important interests of the city of Worcester. Mr. Fay is also the owner of the firm of J. W. & I. W. Fay, of Malone, New York, dry goods and general merchandise. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, of the National Electric Light Association, the National Credit Men's Association, and the Association of Electragists, he is also chairman of the executive committee and vice-president of the Worcester County Electrical League, and a member of the United Commercial Travelers' Association. The official personnel of the E. M. Fay Company is as follows: E. M. Fay, president and treasurer; M. H. Fay, vice-president; and W. H. Stanton, secretary. Mr. Fay's more personal interests include membership

in the Free and Accepted Masons and the Masonic Club, and he attends the Presbyterian church..

E. Miller Fay married, in 1912, Marion Howard, who was born at Malone, New York, and they are the parents of two children: George H. and Elizabeth W.

EDWARD H. BAUER—With wide experience in the world of engineering in the Middle West and also in the East, Edward H. Bauer came to Worcester, Massachusetts, January 1, 1923, and took up the duties of his present position with extensive practical knowledge of his general field as well as excellent technical preparation. A native of Indiana, Mr. Bauer is a son of Emil and Sophia (Werner) Bauer, esteemed residents of Terre Haute for many years.

Edward H. Bauer was born in Terra Haute, Indiana, February 22, 1883. His education was begun in the public schools, and he also covered the high school course in his native city. Interested from boyhood in every branch of engineering, he then entered the Rose Polytechnic Institute, of Terre Haute, Indiana, and covered the course in mechanical and electrical engineering. His first experience in his chosen field of endeavor was in the employ of the American Steel Foundry Corporation, of Hammond, Indiana, and in the course of his connection with this great concern, was promoted to the position of mechanical engineer for the Simplex Works. He also acted as construction engineer for their Indiana Harbor plant. Then, owing to ill health, about 1910, Mr. Bauer was obliged to relinquish his engineering activities, and spent two years on a farm in Michigan. Returning to his profession in 1912, he accepted a position with H. Koppers & Company of Chicago, Illinois, in the capacity of mechanical and electrical engineer, then when that concern removed their plant to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he continued with them in the new plant. This removal took place in 1915, and from that time forward, as long as the concern continued independently, it was known as the Koppers Company. During this period Mr. Bauer was again promoted to operating engineer, and was given charge of operating and keeping the product up to their exacting guarantee. This plant was later sold to interests which merged it with many other steel and gas companies, and in December, 1917, Mr. Bauer accepted a position as mechanical engineer with the Providence Gas Company, of Providence, Rhode Island, where he was later promoted to engineer of manufactures. This was in 1919, and Mr. Bauer continued for more than three years in this capacity, having charge of all manufacturing of gas and coke for that concern, also participating in the management of the Public Relations Work. On December 28, 1922, he resigned to accept the position of manager of the Worcester Gas Light Company, which duties he assumed on January 1, 1923. His ability and energy are counting far for the progress of the concern and for the well being of the people it serves. He has gained a wide circle of friends in this city, and is numbered among the truly progressive men of the business world of Worcester County. He is an active member of the American Gas Association, the New England Association of Gas Engineer, and the Providence Engineering Society of Providence, Rhode Island. In fraternal

circles he is identified with Orpheus Lodge, No. 36, Free and Accepted Masons, of Providence, Rhode Island, and Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, also of Providence. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Worcester, and is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Bauer married, on September 5, 1906, Nora Belle Curtis, daughter of Walter and Stella (Strange) Curtis, of Chicago, Illinois.

THEODORE FINN—The various departments of automobile manufacture open wide doors of opportunity for the energetic and resourceful man, and in body work Theodore Finn, of Worcester, Massachusetts, is achieving marked success. As the head of an independent business in this field he stands among the really significant men of the day in this city. Mr. Finn has been in the United States only about thirteen years, but in that period has won a position of dignity and usefulness, and is taking the part of the progressive citizen in the advance of the day. He is a son of Bennett Finn, who was born in Lithuania, and was active as a metal worker until his death, which occurred in 1921. The mother, Gertrude (Udell) Finn, was also born in Lithuania, and died in 1920.

Theodore Finn was born in Lithuania September 14, 1893. His education was acquired in his native land, and in 1910, at the age of seventeen years, the young man came to America to seek his fortune. At once securing a position in automobile body work, he was active in this field in the employ of leading manufacturers until 1919, when he established his own business and has since continued as the owner and manager of this independent enterprise. He does a general line of automobile body work, also a general line of copper work, and with headquarters at No. 6 Plymouth Street, is doing a thriving and constantly increasing business. He commands the esteem and confidence of all who know him, and is counted among the prosperous and substantial citizens of Worcester. During the World War Mr. Finn enlisted in the 37th Division of the United States Army, and later was sent to France with the American Expeditionary Forces, serving overseas for one year. He served during the entire period of the war with the rank of private, and received his honorable discharge in 1919. Mr. Finn is a member of the Workmen's Circle, but has few interests outside his business. He is identified with the Hebrew Synagogue.

Theodore Finn married, in 1919, Julia Stein, who was born in Lithuania, and they reside in Worcester. They have two children: Lillian and Gertrude.

JOHN J. DOWNEY—In the public life of Blackstone, Massachusetts, John J. Downey holds a largely responsible and useful position as Postmaster, and with business experience behind him and the practical ability which counts so largely for progress, he is devoting his energies to the public welfare in such a manner as contributes in no insignificant way to the general advance. A native of this community, educated and reared in Blackstone, his lifelong activities have tended toward the development of useful lines of endeavor. He is a son of Thomas Downey, who was born in Ireland and came to the United States in the year 1875. By occupation

the elder Mr. Downey is a mechanic, still living, one of the esteemed and venerable citizens of Blackstone, as is also the mother, Helen (McGabe) Downey, born in Glasgow, Scotland, March 15, 1858.

John J. Downey was born in Blackstone, Massachusetts, January 19, 1877. His education was acquired in the local public schools, and his first business experience was in the employ of the Blackstone Manufacturing Company, with which concern he was connected for ten years as bookkeeper. He then became identified with the Woonsocket Machine Press Company in the capacity of molder, and remained with them for a similar period. In the year 1915, Mr. Downey was appointed Postmaster of Blackstone by President Wilson, and his work in this office has been so acceptable to the people that he has been retained in this connection since. Mr. Downey is broadly interested in all phases of community advance, and lends his influence to every movement which counts for public welfare. He is a member of the Foresters of America, and is identified with St. Paul's Church.

Mr. Downey married Angell Kennedy, born in Blackstone, Massachusetts, August 30, 1882, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (McCormick) Kennedy, both natives of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Downey have two children: John K., born in Blackstone, August 30, 1917; Mary, born in Blackstone, April 30, 1919.

WILLIAM E. ROBINSON—Prominent among the commercial executives of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, William E. Robinson holds a position of large responsibility as manager of the Worcester office of the Pratt Coal Company of Boston. Both as a business man and as a citizen he has won the confidence and esteem of the people of Worcester in the comparatively short time during which he has been thus engaged, and in his exacting position is giving of his best to the general advance. Mr. Robinson is a son of William J. Robinson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who for fifty-two years was active in the coal business in that city, but is now retired. The mother, Elizabeth (Major) Robinson, is also still living.

William E. Robinson was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1886. His education was begun in the public schools of his birthplace, and upon the completion of the high school course he entered the employ of Whitney & Kemmerer, coal dealers of that city, in the capacity of shipping clerk, also doing general office work. The early years of this experience determined the trend of his further activities, and for some fifteen years Mr. Robinson remained with the same concern. In 1917 he became identified with R. K. Pratt, of the Pratt Coal Company of Boston, Massachusetts, and remained with that concern in their Boston office until the year 1920. He was then placed in charge of the firm's branch office in Worcester on the occasion of its opening, and has since acted with the most marked efficiency as manager of their interests in this city. During the World War Mr. Robinson offered his services gratis to the United States Fuel Administration, and was appointed by James J. Storrow on the board in Boston, serving until the distribution of coal by Federal authorities was discontinued.

Mr. Robinson has found many congenial friends in

the city of Worcester, has become identified with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Worcester Rowing Club; his fondness for outdoor sports comprises his chief recreative interest. He is single, and is a member of the Presbyterian church.

CLAUS O. JOHNSON—As superintendent, vice-president, and assistant treasurer of Hollander & Johnson, Inc., Claus O. Johnson has been engaged in the manufacture of die tools during the past ten years. Mr. Johnson was born in Trollhattan, Sweden, February 15, 1880, son of John H. and Caroline (Anderson) Johnson, and having received a good education in the schools of his native country he became an apprentice in the locomotive shops in his native city, where he remained for a period of six years. When his apprenticeship was completed in 1903 he came to the United States and followed his trade in Fitchburg, where he found employment in Iver Johnson's arms and cycle works. Four years later he widened his experience by going to Providence, Rhode Island, and associating himself with the Union Drop Forge Company, by whom he was employed for three years as a die sinker and four years as a foreman. At the end of that period he severed his connection with the last named concern and entered into partnership with S. G. Hollander for the manufacture of die tools and rubber molds. When the business was incorporated in 1917 as Hollander & Johnson, Inc., he became vice-president and assistant treasurer.

Mr. Johnson is a member of Boylston Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is also a member of the society known as the Order of Vasa. In Sweden he served his time in the militia. He is a member of the Boylston Men's Club, and his religious affiliation is with the Swedish Lutheran church.

In Trollhattan, Sweden, in June, 1899, Claus O. Johnson married Ella Polin, daughter of Carl and Matilda Polin. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have six children: Albert C., Harry C., Elsie E., Ethel L., Walter H., and Edith V. The family residence is at No. 2 Eden Street, in Worcester, Massachusetts.

ALLAN N. DAVIS—As resident manager for the Packard Motor Car Company in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, Allan N. Davis holds a widely prominent position in the commercial life of Worcester County, and his natural business ability and practical experience in the automobile world are carrying him forward to large success in his chosen line of endeavor. Mr. Davis is a young man of more than usual prominence in this city, and is a son of Arthur E. and Alice (Nichols) Davis, his father a prominent retail clothing merchant of Worcester.

Allan N. Davis was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, November 25, 1887. His education was begun in the public schools of this city and he is a graduate of the Worcester Classical High School. Following the completion of his education, Mr. Davis served an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic with the John S. Harrington Company, motor car dealers of Worcester, where he spent one year. In 1907 he accepted a position as a private chauffeur which he filled for three years. He then became identified with the Packard Motor

Company of Boston as a demonstrator, and shortly afterward became active in the interests of this firm as a salesman. On February 13, 1913, Mr. Davis was appointed manager for the Worcester district of this concern, and in this capacity he still serves. He has made a splendid record of sales in this district, and is numbered among the most successful and enterprising motor car representatives in this section. On December 12, 1917, Mr. Davis enlisted as a flying cadet in the aviation section of the Signal Corps, United States Army. Reporting to the United States School of Military Aeronautics at Ithaca, he was graduated in Class 38, April 20, 1918, and was assigned to Camp Dick, at Dallas, Texas, a concentration camp for flying cadets. Later he was transferred to Dorr Field at Arcadia, Florida, in May, 1918, and there received advanced flying instructions until August 15, when he was transferred to Fort Worth, Texas, where he received his final instructions in flying and was commissioned as second lieutenant. The armistice intervened before he was called overseas and he received his honorable discharge from the service on December 12, 1918. Mr. Davis is a member of the National Aeronautical Association and the American Legion, also of Quinsigamond Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Quinsigamond Boat Club, and the Tatnuck Country Club of Worcester, and his religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church.

CHARLES E. W. MATTHEWS—With lifelong experience in the textile industry, Charles E. W. Matthews has been identified with this branch of industrial activity in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, for the past eighteen years, and during the greater part of that time has served as superintendent of the Davis & Brown Woolen Company's plant, a responsible position which he still holds.

Mr. Matthews is a native of the State of Connecticut, and his experience has carried him to different point and given him a broad familiarity with industrial conditions in his own and other lines of endeavor. He is a son of Jabez Matthews, who was born at Trowbridge, England, February 22, 1848, and also was engaged in the textile industry throughout his lifetime. The mother, Ruth (Overend) Matthews, was also born in Trowbridge, England, in 1848, but the greater part of their lives were spent in America, in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Charles E. W. Matthews was born in Putnam, Connecticut, September 25, 1873. The family removing to Huntington, Massachusetts, in his childhood, he was educated in the public and high schools of that community, and Williston Seminary at Easthampton, and he later covered a business course. His first experience was in the employ of Greeley, Cushman & Record, which has since become known as the Huntington Manufacturing Company. Entering this plant as bobbin boy, he continued with the concern for seven years, then went to Baltimore, Maryland, as overseer of the dressing department with the Ashland Manufacturing Company of that city. There he was active for four years and a half, after which he returned North and became identified with the present concern at their Danielson (Connecticut) mill as overseer of the dressing department. After five years in this connection, Mr.

Matthews was transferred to the Uxbridge plant of the Davis & Brown Woolen Company, where he was given a bookkeeper's desk and eventually became superintendent, in which position he is still active. He is also a member of the board of directors of the company, and is vice-president of the Blackstone Valley Mills Association.

Mr. Matthews has taken a constructive and useful part in the public and social life of the community, and his fraternal connection is with the Masonic order, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, and is a member of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is Past Master of Solomon Temple Lodge, of Uxbridge, and has been its treasurer a number of years. He is also treasurer of the Masonic Building Association. He is also a member of Constitution Lodge, No. 78, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Baltimore, Maryland. He is treasurer of the Uxbridge Community Club, and a trustee of the Uxbridge Savings Bank. Mr. Matthews is a member of the First Congregational Church of this place, and is treasurer of the Congregational Parish House.

Mr. Matthews married Hattie Mabel Gunn, who was born in Uxbridge, May 6, 1880, and is a daughter of Hiram E. and Emma S. (Wood) Gunn, both of whom were born in Uxbridge.

An uncle of Mr. Matthews, William Matthews, served in the Civil War, and was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg.

E. BENJAMIN ARMSTRONG—In the textile industry in Worcester County, Massachusetts, E. Benjamin Armstrong is a noteworthy figure, acting as agent for the Hamilton Woolen Company, of Southbridge, Massachusetts. A broadly practical man, thoroughly familiar in the general field in which he is engaged, Mr. Armstrong is doing much for textile advance in this section, and his present position is one of large responsibility. He is a son of Thomas H. Armstrong, who was born in Watertown, Massachusetts, and is a prominent lawyer of that section. The mother, Ellen Frances (Wellington) Armstrong, who was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, died in the year 1892.

E. Benjamin Armstrong was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, January 29, 1884. Educated in the public and high schools of his native place and Tufts College, he was graduated from the last named institution in the class of 1905, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Upon the completion of his education Mr. Armstrong became identified with the Joy Langdon & Company, of Boston, where he was active for four years, then continued for six years with their successors, the Wellington Sears & Company. Thereafter Mr. Armstrong accepted a position in the treasurer's office of the Hamilton Woolen Company at Boston. There he became thoroughly familiar with the textile industry from the executive viewpoint, and in 1916 was sent to Southbridge as agent for this company at their Southbridge plant. He has acted in this capacity continuously since, and his ability and energy have counted largely for the prosperity of the enterprise and its continued growth. This is one of the long established textile mills of Worcester County, and has for many years held a leading position in the manufacture of



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fine woolen and worsted fabrics. Mr. Armstrong is at present (1923) president of the Manufacturer's Association of Southbridge. During the war he acted as fuel administrator for Southbridge, and since 1915 has served on the Finance Committee of the town of Southbridge. As a young man he served as private in the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia from 1906-09. Fraternally he is identified with the Delta Tau Delta, and his clubs are the Boston City, the Southbridge, and Cohasset Country Club. He attends the Universalist church.

Mr. Armstrong married, in 1916, Annie Laurie Hillier, who was born in Topeka, Kansas, and they have four children: John P., Malcolm, and twin girls, Anne and Judith.

FRANK LINOPOLI—For the past sixteen years Frank Linopoli, professor of music, has been a resident of Milford, Massachusetts. He is of Italian birth and parentage, having begun his life in Naples, Italy, June 6, 1864, son of Raffale Linopoli, who was the Recording Clerk of his town, and of Catenina (Aragona) Linopoli. He received his early and preparatory education in the schools of his native city and then became a student in the University of Naples, where his general education was completed. In 1907 he became a resident of Milford, Massachusetts, and since that time has been steadily following his profession of music in this city. He is a composer of opera and march music. In politics he is a Democrat, and his religious affiliation is with the Italian Catholic Church of Milford.

In Italy, in 1893, Frank Linopoli married Concetta Mellace, daughter of Pasquale and Maria (Zacconi) Mellace, and they are the parents of one son, Raffaele, who was born in Italy, in 1895.

GODFREY O. GRUNDSTROM—Along one of the most practical lines of business endeavor Godfrey O. Grundstrom is carrying forward a prosperous and growing interest. Still a young man and alert to the progress of the times, he is bearing a useful part in the welfare of the people, and has many years of activity before him. Mr. Grundstrom is a son of John Gustaf Grundstrom, a blacksmith by trade, who was born in Sweden, but has been an esteemed citizen of Worcester for many years. The mother, Emma (Horn) Grundstrom, was also born in Sweden, and is still living, a resident of Worcester.

Godfrey O. Grundstrom was born in Sweden, December 1, 1893. The family coming to America in his infancy and settling in Worcester, he received his education in the public schools of this city, acquiring a thorough training in the fundamentals of education. After completing his studies he learned the trade of tinsmith, also mastering plumbing, and worked as a journeyman in this general field until the year 1922, gaining breadth of experience and becoming broadly familiar with conditions affecting these trades. He then availed himself of an opportunity to strike out for himself, purchasing the long-established business of Christian A. Windt, which is located at No. 59 Commercial Street, Worcester. This interest follows the

line of sheet metal work of all kinds, and Mr. Grundstrom has carried it forward very successfully thus far, expanding the business and taking care of the regular customers, who have long depended upon this as their headquarters for service of this nature. With a broadly promising future before him and the ability and energy which count so vitally for success, he is numbered among the really progressive and forward looking young men of Worcester County. He has few interests outside of his business, but is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Godfrey O. Grundstrom married, in 1920, Esther Beauregard, who was born in Millbury, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two children: Godfrey Louis, and Edward Raymond.

JOSEPH TALAMO—The city of Worcester, Massachusetts, may well be proud of its long list of worthy and able members of the legal profession. One of the well prepared members of the profession is Joseph Talamo, who, after receiving two degrees from Clark University, received his professional degree from Harvard University.

Joseph Talamo is a son of Jacob M. Talamo, who was born in Russia, and throughout his career was engaged in the wholesale woolen business in Worcester, and of Fannie E. (Feingold) Talamo, who was also born in Russia, and who are now living in Worcester.

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, September 3, 1894, Joseph Talamo received his education in the public schools of his native city and then became a student in Clark University in Worcester, from which he was graduated in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In June, 1915, he received from the same institution the degree of Master of Arts, during which year he served as assistant instructor in economics and sociology. He then began his professional studies in Harvard University, from which he was graduated in 1918, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1919 he opened an office in Worcester, and since that time he has continued in general practice there. His offices are located at No. 927 Slater Building. Though one of the youngest members of his profession in that city, he is steadily building a large and extensive practice. Mr. Talamo gives his support to the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and is a member of the Republican City Committee. During the World War he enlisted in the United States Navy, and was in the service until 1919, when he was discharged with the rank of ensign. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, and of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, which he has served as president. He is also a member of the Tau Kappa Alpha. His clubs represent a variety of interests. He is a member of the University Club, Worcester Bar Association, of the Alumni Association of Clark College, of the Harvard Club, and of the Republican Club. He is also a member of the Order of Maccabees, Young Men's Hebrew Association, of the Zionist Organization, and of the American Legion. He is very active in Jewish social work, and formerly served as chairman of the

Zionist organization in Worcester, also chairman of the Keren Hayesod. He attends the Modern Synagogue of Worcester. Mr. Talamo is unmarried.

VINCENT J. VILKAS—Among the younger men of Worcester County, Massachusetts, whose activities are promoting the progress of this section and the welfare of the people, Vincent J. Vilkas is a well known figure in the city of Worcester. A resident of the United States only for the past sixteen years, he has won his way to success in his adopted country, and is taking a useful and practical part in the progress of the day in the real estate and insurance business. He is a son of Joseph Vilkas, who was born in Lithuania, and was active as a farmer until his death. The mother, Eva (Mereskericus) Vilkas, was also born in Lithuania, and still survives her husband.

Vincent J. Vilkas was born in Lithuania, January 20, 1888. Educated in the schools of his native land, he came to the United States at the age of nineteen years, and during the first twelve years of his residence here was employed in various positions, gaining a fund of useful experience along general business lines. Ambitious to stand at the head of a business he might call his own, he struck out in 1919, opening a real estate office at Room 6, No. 314 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts. In the development of the city and its environs he has been an active factor since, doing a prosperous and steadily increasing business along brokerage and development lines. He also handles insurance of many kinds, and in this branch of the business as well is achieving marked success. He is a member of the Worcester Board of Insurance Underwriters, and an active worker for the betterment of conditions in the fields in which he is engaged. A member of the Knights of Columbus, he is prominently identified with the Lithuanian Naturalization Club, and is doing excellent work in this connection in the Americanization of his fellow-countrymen who have taken up their residence here. He is affiliated with St. Casmere's Roman Catholic Church.

Vincent J. Vilkas married, in 1912, Annie Palovich, who was born in Lithuania, and they are the parents of five children: John, Vincent, Joseph S., Helen, and Julia.

OMER KILDA CHABOT—In the business world of Webster, Massachusetts, Mr. Chabot is a largely prominent figure, and in his own prosperity and success is contributing in a marked degree to the welfare of the people. A native of the Province of Quebec, Canada, he has been a resident of Webster since his boyhood. He is a son of Anthony and Arcila (Senez) Chabot, both residents of Webster for many years. His father was a butcher in Canada, but since his arrival in the United States became active in Chase's mills in Webster. He is now retired from all business activity and is enjoying the well-earned leisure which fittingly follows a long and useful life.

Omer Kilda Chabot was born at St. Cezaire, Province of Quebec, Canada, October 9, 1876. His education was received at St. Cezaire College, a government school, then he came to America with his parents and the family settling at Webster, Massachusetts, he en-

tered the industrial world of this community. Fourteen years of age when he settled in Webster, Mr. Chabot has been active ever since his arrival here, first in the weave shop of Chase's mill, then in the A. J. Bates Company Shoe factory. In 1896 he entered the employ of the Raciot Brothers furniture store in the capacity of salesman, and was identified with that concern for a period of ten years. In the year 1906 Mr. Chabot established his own business, and his previous experience was excellent preparation for the problems and responsibilities which fell upon him in his independent endeavors. He began in a very small way, handling tea, coffee, household furnishings, and furniture. The furniture end of the business has grown to be the most important, but all branches have prospered largely, and this interest is one of the really important commercial enterprises of the day in Webster. Mr. Chabot has several delivery wagons out with tea and coffee constantly, and has a full motor equipment for handling his larger merchandise. As the head of this prosperous and growing interest he stands among the progressive and enterprising men of the day in Webster, and commands the esteem and confidence of the people. While a Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Chabot has never taken a leading part in public life, but lends his influence to all progressive effort and bears a part in every worthy movement. He is a member of the Franco-American Foresters, the Foresters of America, and the Societe St. Jean Baptiste. His religious affiliation is with the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Chabot married, at Webster, Massachusetts, Azilda Beauregard, who is a daughter of Prosper and Mary (Chabot) Beauregard. Mr. and Mrs. Chabot are the parents of six children: Theresa, Martha, Ida, Clair, Jane, and Dorothy.

HENRY A. BENOIT—From the position of apprentice to that of manager of the extensive concern which operates under the name The Felters Company, Inc., of Millbury, Massachusetts, is the record of Henry A. Benoit's long association with the textile industry. That he is ably filling his present executive position is evidenced by the fact that he has been continuously connected with The Felters Company for the past fifteen years, and has been serving as manager for thirteen years.

The Benoit family, which originally came from France, was in Canada, in the vicinity of Three Rivers, during the early days of the settlement of the Le Siems (or Leshures) in that section of the county, and the two names appear frequently upon the early records of that section of Canada. Both families were settled in the Three Rivers section as early as 1704, and later descendants of the early immigrants of both names came to this country and settled in New England. The parents of Henry A. Benoit, however, were born in Canada, where Clovis Benoit, the father, was engaged as a millwright. Later he removed to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he continued to follow his trade to the time of his death, about twenty-seven years ago. The mother Eleanor (Cossette) Benoit, died November 12, 1922, in Worcester.

Henry A. Benoit, son of Clovis and Eleanor (Cos-



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sette) Benoit, was born in Sherbrooke, Canada, May 5, 1876, but while still a young child removed to Worcester, Massachusetts, with his parents, where he received his education in the public schools. Upon the completion of his school training he found his first employment with the Wright Wire Company of Worcester, with whom he remained for a number of years, making himself thoroughly familiar with several branches of the business with which he was identified. In 1908, however, he severed his connection with the Wright Wire Company and went to Millbury, Massachusetts, where he became associated with the Bowden Felting Mills. So well did he apply himself to the advancement of the interests of that concern that two years later, in 1910, when the company was reorganized under the name of The Feiters Company, Inc., of Millbury, Mr. Benoit was made manager, and that important executive position he has continued to efficiently fill until the present time (1923). He is also a stockholder in the company and a member of the board of directors. When he first began his connection with the textile industry he served a thorough apprenticeship, and from that beginning he has, during the past sixteen years, worked his way up to his present responsible position. He has won the confidence and esteem of those with whom he is associated, and both in the management of those over whom he has supervision and in his relations with his superiors, he has given evidence of ability of a high order, and has made himself a valuable part of the business organization. His friends, both among his business associates and among those with whom he comes in contact in other connections, are many. He is a member of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and in 1910 the concern with which he is identified was made a Massachusetts corporation. He is a member of Worcester Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Benoit's religious affiliation is with the Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church.

On November 15, 1905, at Worcester, Henry A. Benoit married Ida Beaudry, of Worcester, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Benoit reside in Worcester.

JOHN E. GOGGIN—In various branches of commercial and industrial activity Mr. Goggin has for many years been engaged in an executive capacity. Identified with the progress of Webster since 1910, he has won wide prominence as secretary and treasurer of the United Optical Company, Incorporated. Mr. Goggin is a son of James H. Goggin, who was for many years identified with the grocery firm of John S. Ballard & Son, of Worcester. The mother, before her marriage was Catherine E. Shortall. Both parents are deceased.

John E. Goggin was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, June 5, 1871. Following his early education in the public schools he attended the A. H. Hinman Business College, and his first business experience was in the capacity of bookkeeper in the employ of George S. Hoppin & Company, wholesale flour and grain merchants of Worcester, with which concern he continued for four years. He then became associated with the James Healy Railroad & Steamship Agency as chief clerk and followed this line of activity for fourteen years. In 1910 Mr. Goggin came to Webster to accept his present position as secretary and treasurer of the

United Optical Company, Incorporated, in which at that time he became financially interested. This is one of the old established concerns of its kind in New England and in the manufacture of optical frames, mountings and shell goods holds a leading position in this section. Employing about fifty hands in their factory at No. 15 Maynard Avenue, they are doing a very prosperous and steadily growing business, and as an active executive in the organization Mr. Goggin is bearing a very practical and constructive part in the development and progress of the enterprise. In the civic and welfare work of the community Mr. Goggin has taken a deep interest for years, but until recently he has never permitted his name to be connected with public affairs in an official way. A Democrat by political affiliation, he was elected Selectman of Webster, taking up the duties of this office in March, 1922, and still serving in this capacity. During the World War he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and was very active in all movements of a popular nature, especially the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives, and is still a member of the American Red Cross and active in its work. Fraternally he is a member of the Optical Manufacturers' Association, the Knights of Columbus, Webster Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Catholic Order of Foresters. His religious affiliation is with St. Louis' Roman Catholic Church, and he is a director of the choir, having served in that capacity for ten years. Music is his hobby and recreation, and for many years he has played the violin.

Mr. Goggin married Catherine L. Collins, of Worcester, daughter of John and Ann Collins. Mr. and Mrs. Goggin are the parents of four children: William R., a graduate of Worcester Business Institute and Bryant & Stratton Business College, who is now in business with his father; Catherine E., Mildred H., and Clare A.

JOHN U. ARBOUR—One of the prominent and successful enterprises of the town of Millbury, Massachusetts, is the Arbour Brothers' Garage, which is advantageously located on one of the main traveled highways through Worcester County. John U. Arbour, who stands at the head of this business, is one of the leading young men of this community, enterprising and progressive, interested in all that pertains to the public welfare, and a veteran of the World War. He is a son of John Arbour, who was born at Three Rivers, Canada, and is now engaged as a mason. The mother, Helen (Stratford) Arbour, who was born in Canada, died in the year 1920.

John U. Arbour was born at Magog, Canada, September 12, 1895. The family removing to Millbury, Massachusetts, in his childhood, he was educated in the public and high schools of this community, and following the completion of his studies, he learned the trade of machinist and tool maker, which he followed in all for about five years. He then became interested in the automobile business and continued in this field as an employee until the year 1920, when he established the present interest. This enterprise was founded earlier in the same year by Peter Lynch, and was conducted by him for about six months, when John and Theodore Arbour bought out the interest, changing the name to

the present form of Arbour Brothers. These progressive young men do a general line of repair work and act as agents for the Maxwell automobile for the town of Millbury. In addition to their repair and service departments they carry a general line of automobile accessories and tires, also act as agents for the Vesta Storage Batteries. John Arbour enlisted in the 301st Engineering Corps, United States Army, during the World War and served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces for a period of one year, receiving his honorable discharge with the rank of sergeant. He is now a member of the local post of the American Legion, and is one of the popular young men of Millbury. He attends the Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption.

ERNEST EDWARD O'BRIEN—Among the officials of Worcester County who are engaged in securing the observance of law is Ernest Edward O'Brien, who was recently appointed Deputy Sheriff of the county. Mr. O'Brien was born in West Quincy, Massachusetts, May 3, 1895, son of James J. and Mary E. (Phelan) O'Brien, who are the parents of five children: John J., Ernest Edward, of further mention; James H., William W., and Alice Patricia, who married Oliver Fressiwick.

Ernest Edward O'Brien received his education in St. Mary's Parochial School at Milford, and when school days were over learned the mechanic's trade, which he followed in Milford until 1917. In that year, after the entrance of the United States into the World War, he enlisted in Company M, 6th Massachusetts Infantry, but was later transferred to Company D, 101st Supply Train, with which contingent he sailed for France September 7, 1917. He was in active service on the Chemins-des-Dames front, on the Toul sector, took part in the battles of Chateau-Thierry and of St. Mihiel, and was gassed during his period of service. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant, which rank he held at the time of his discharge, April 29, 1919. Upon his return to civilian life he returned to Milford, Massachusetts, and on March 14, 1920, he was appointed Chief of Police of that city. So well were the duties of that position discharged by Mr. O'Brien that on January 12, 1922, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Worcester County, which responsible position he is efficiently filling at the present time (1923). Fraternally Mr. O'Brien is well known, being affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, with Milford Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Columbus, and the Foresters of America, in which order he is captain of the degree staff of the United States, and holds the 1921 championship. He is also a Past Commander of Milford Post, American Legion; and of Framingham Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and he serves the community as a member of Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Ernest Edward O'Brien married, on June 6, 1919, at Holliston, Massachusetts, Irene Veronica Haley, daughter of Cornelius and Josephine (Mahoney) Haley, and they are the parents of two children: Irene Veronica, who was born April 14, 1920, and Ernest Edward, born September 1, 1922.

CHARLES ALBERT GOUCHER—Among the younger men of Milford, Massachusetts, Charles A. Goucher holds a leading position as superintendent of the Milford Armory. A native of this State and active in the shoe industry for a number of years, he has been a resident of Milford since his return from the World War and is one of the popular veterans of that struggle.

Charles A. Goucher was born at Peabody, Massachusetts, May 22, 1895, and is a son of Charles and Honora (Francis) Goucher. His education was acquired in the public schools of Peabody, and as a young man he entered the employ of the Regal Shoe Company. He was thus engaged until the United States entered the European War, and for a time thereafter. Mr. Goucher's military record dates back to May 19, 1912, when he enlisted in Company M, 6th Infantry Regiment, Massachusetts National Guard. He saw service on the Mexican Border in 1916, with the rank of corporal, and it was as a seasoned soldier that he entered the World War when his regiment was transferred to the Federal service, becoming the 104th Regiment, United States Regular Army. He served in France for nineteen months, and in the course of that time was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Upon his return to America and his discharge from active service, he still retained his connection with the National Guard, and in January, 1922, was made superintendent of the Milford Armory. In this responsible position Sergeant Goucher continues at the center of interest of military affairs in Worcester County, and in this post of dignity and responsibility he is considered the right man in the right place. In the military chapters of this work, the history of the Milford Armory is given in detail and a picture of the armory is published. Mr. Goucher is identified fraternally with Lodge No. 628, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Knights of Columbus; Lodge No. 120, Foresters of America; Lodge No. 587, Loyal Order of Moose; and John Powers Post, American Legion. He is a member of the Milford Fire Company, and is deeply interested in all civic and social advance. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Goucher married, at Milford, Massachusetts, on June 25, 1919, Marion Gertrude Davoren, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Davoren. Mr. and Mrs. Goucher are the parents of one son, Charles, Jr., born at Milford, September 28, 1920.

JOSEPH E. O'SHAUGHNESSY—In the profession of the law in Southbridge, Massachusetts, Mr. O'Shaughnessy is one of the successful young men of the day, and his practice is constantly extending. His success is a matter of his own achievement, and he is numbered among the really noteworthy figures in professional circles in Southern Worcester County. He is a son of Thomas F. O'Shaughnessy, who was born in County Clare, Ireland, and came to America as a young man, settling in Southbridge. Here he was active in the employ of the Southbridge Printing Company until his death, which occurred in 1898. The mother, Margaret (Fitzpatrick) O'Shaughnessy, was also born in County Clare, Ireland, and still survives her husband.

Joseph E. O'Shaughnessy was born at Southbridge,

Massachusetts, August 27, 1888. He received his early education in the local public schools, and following his high school course he entered Boston University Law School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Shortly thereafter admitted to the bar of his native State, Mr. O'Shaughnessy took up the practice of his profession in Southbridge, the place of his birth, and has continued here since without interruption. With offices at No. 111 Main Street, he holds a leading position among leading practitioners not only in this community but in this part of the county of Worcester, and he is considered one of the foremost men in the profession in Southbridge. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar and the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce, and in public affairs has borne a part for some years, serving as Assistant Town Clerk for one term and serving for eight years as a member of the Planning Board. During the World War he was active on the advisory board and served as captain in the various Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives. He is a member of the Southbridge Club and fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, of which he is Past Worthy Grand Knight; the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the St. Mary's Temperance Society; his religious affiliation being with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

JOSEPH N. ROY, M. D.—The activities of Dr. Roy in the town of Webster, Massachusetts, comprise far more than the professional work which comes to him, for of his own initiative he has done much for the civic progress, working with an organization or party, the purposes of which are calculated to advance the public welfare. Dr. Roy is a native of Canada, and a son of Joseph and Philomena (Paré) Roy, his father a farmer by occupation.

Dr. Roy was born in Quebec, Canada, June 16, 1872. Following his public school education he attended Laval University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science, then took up his medical studies at the same institution, but later came to the United States and finished his medical course at the University of Baltimore, his graduation from that institution occurring in 1902, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In November, 1902, Dr. Roy opened his office in Webster, Massachusetts, taking up a general line of practice, and in the period of more than two decades which has elapsed since that time, he has won an enviable reputation in this profession. His success has for years brought him much in the public eye, and he was elected to the Webster Board of Health in 1917. One of his official acts which has been productive of much good was the inauguration of inspection in the parochial schools. He also organized a laboratory for the inspection of milk and has done much progressive work along these lines.

Dr. Roy is a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts and Rhode Island State Medical societies, and the Webster Medical Club, of which he has been chairman for the past four years. He offered his services in the World War, but was permitted to serve only as a member of the Home Defense League. In all branches of progressive effort in the

community he takes a deep interest and was one of the founders and is still a director and vice-president of the Webster National Bank. Politically he acknowledges no allegiance to any party, supporting such candidates and parties as he believes will best serve the public good. Fraternally he is widely connected, holding membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Improved Order of Red Men, also the Union St. John the Baptist. He is a member of the Club Gagnon, and his religious affiliation is with the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Roy married Olivia Lambert, of Harrisville, Rhode Island, and they have three children: Dorothy, Joseph, and Marie.

JAMES M. CURNIN—The life work of James M. Curnin is closely aligned with the growth and progress of the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, and he has reached out from the mere mechanics of civic development to the field in which broader opportunities of usefulness lie, that of real estate brokerage and its allied line of insurance. In these branches of commercial endeavor Mr. Curnin has within the past few years taken a prominent position, and in his own success he is contributing in a marked degree to the welfare of the community and the prosperity of the people. Mr. Curnin is a son of Peter and Mary (McGrath) Curnin, both natives of Ireland, and both now living, residing in Worcester. His father is a well-known building contractor, a successful man, and esteemed citizen.

James M. Curnin was born in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, July 13, 1886. His education was limited to the advantages of the public schools, his school attendance continuing until he was eighteen years of age. Since leaving school his personal study and keen alertness to the movement of the times have given him large funds of useful knowledge. Mr. Curnin is an eminently practical man, and in his activities in real estate brokerage and development thoroughly understands the daily needs of the people. Equally his business experience familiarizes him with commercial and industrial conditions, and he has handled many important deals of real estate both in the business section of the city and in the residential suburbs. The insurance branch of his business is also a wide-reaching interest, as he handles every kind of insurance, representing the old line companies and the standard concerns in the newer fields which offer protection against every kind of loss and calamity. His offices are located in Suite No. 404, the Slater Building, where he has been active in his present field since the year 1919, having formerly been engaged for twelve years as a bricklayer. Mr. Curnin enlisted for service in the World War and served for fifteen months with the American Expeditionary Forces in France in the construction department of the United States Army. He attends St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, and is active in the social and benevolent organizations of the church.

Mr. Curnin married, in 1920, Estella Dawson, who was born in Worcester, and they are the parents of one daughter, Mary Virginia, born in Worcester March 21, 1921.

J. NELSON SHUTTS—In the textile industry in Worcester, Massachusetts, Mr. Shutts holds a prominent position as superintendent of the Riverside Worsted Mills, this plant being a branch of the widely famous Hamilton Mills. Mr. Shutts is a member of a well-known family of Clinton, Massachusetts, formerly of New York State.

J. Nelson Shutts was born in Ellenburg, New York, April 28, 1893. The family coming to Clinton, Massachusetts, when he was eight years of age, he received a practical education in the public schools of that community, then entered the business world as an employee of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company at their Clinton plant. There he served an apprenticeship throughout the factory, including the woolen and worsted departments, after which he became overseer of the twisting, redoubling, and shipping departments. These responsibilities he handled for about a year and a half, then was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent of the same departments. His rapid rise in this industry, however, undermined his health and he was obliged to change his line of activity. In association with a partner he entered the garage business and continued for perhaps two years, and in this line of endeavor his health was definitely regained. Returning to the textile industry, Mr. Shutts associated himself with the Enterprise Worsted Mills of Millville, Pennsylvania, where for about one year he had charge of the drawing, twisting, and spinning departments. He next returned to Massachusetts to accept a position as overseer of the spinning department of the Brookside Worsted Mills, at Brookside, but later resigned to associate himself with the Hamilton Mills, at Southbridge, Massachusetts. It was in September, 1917, that Mr. Shutts entered upon his duties as overseer of the spinning department of this mill, and was later made assistant superintendent of yarns. In June, 1919, this concern placed Mr. Shutts in charge of their branch in Worcester, which is known as the Riverside Worsted Mills, and as superintendent of this plant, he has given a marked impetus to the activities of the mill, doing much to elevate the general morale of the plant as well as to increase its output. In his present position Mr. Shutts holds a prominent place among the textile executives of the city of Worcester, and is widely esteemed in the trade. Fraternally he is identified with Montague Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the National Association of Woolen and Worsted Overseers, the Worcester Masonic Club, the Aletheia Grotto, and the Grotto Club. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Mr. Shutts married, at Clinton, May 20, 1916, Mildred I. Linton, who was born at Clinton, and who died March 8, 1920, leaving two children: Gilbert N., born July 27, 1918, and Mildred I., born February 27, 1920.

MATTHEW N. NIRO—Among the younger men of Milford, Massachusetts, Mr. Niro holds a leading position in one of the most practical modern fields of activity, namely heating and lighting. Skilled in engineering and a young man of large ability, Mr. Niro has brought to his present activities the energy and persistence which characterize the true business man, and while he has thus far had only a few years of experi-

ence, he is going steadily forward, and is looked upon as one of the coming men of Worcester County.

Matthew N. Niro was born in Italy, January 28, 1895, and is a son of Michele and Carmina Niro. The family coming to America and settling in Milford in his childhood, he attended the Milford elementary and grammar schools. Thereafter choosing the engineering field as the scene of his business endeavor, he entered the Hawley School of Engineering of Boston, where he completed a broadly practical course. He established his present business in April, 1918, at No. 15 Main Street, Milford, and quickly gained a footing in his chosen branch of activity. His career, however, was interrupted almost at the outset by his military service, and as a member of Battalion B, 11th Field Artillery, 6th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, he served in France for nineteen months, participating in various important actions, including the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Since his return to civilian life Mr. Niro has gained an assured position in his business, and with the growth and development of the interest was obliged in 1921 to secure more suitable and spacious quarters. He removed to 121½ Main Street, where he was active, the business constantly increasing until 1923, when with his brother, Anthony, he purchased the hardware business of Herbert A. Cass, and they now operate this business in connection with the heating and lighting enterprise at No. 61 Main Street. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the American Order of Foresters. He is a member of the Cosmopolitan Club, and is affiliated with the Italian Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart.

MICHAEL P. O'SHAUGHNESSY—Taking a broadly practical part in the community advance of Southbridge, Massachusetts, Michael P. O'Shaughnessy is active in the real estate and insurance business with headquarters at No. 111 Main Street. He is a leader in this line of activity, not only in Southbridge, but in Worcester County, and both as an operator and a broker he has for years been a leading figure in real estate affairs.

Michael P. O'Shaughnessy was born at Southbridge, August 4, 1874. His early education was acquired in the local public schools, and he completed his studies with the high school course. His first business experience was in the employ of a leading grocer of Southbridge, and for about seven years he was active in this connection. In the year 1901 Mr. O'Shaughnessy entered the real estate and insurance field in an independent way and has been active thus continuously since. Beginning in a modest way he has developed a very important and extensive interest. He has had much to do with the popular movement for home ownership among the working people and has plotted and sold various tracts of land in the way of real estate development. He has handled large interests on a brokerage basis in the business section of the town, and personally owns a very considerable amount of realty. In insurance affairs he holds an equally important position, representing the old line companies and also writing the new forms of protection which cover accident, damage, and loss of property of every kind. Mr. O'Shaughnessy is a member of the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce, and by



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political affiliation is a Democrat. He served as Town Moderator for twelve years, and on the Board of Fire Engineers for seven years, during the greater part of that time acting as clerk. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which he is past vice-president; the Knights of Columbus, of which he is Past Grand Knight, and is navigator of the fourth degree; the Foresters of America, of which he is Past Chief Ranger; the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he is Past President of the New England Association of this order, having held office in 1915 and 1916; the Order of Alhambra; and St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society, of which he is past president. He attends St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy married, on November 24, 1908, Alida Larivieu, who was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, and they have four children: Thomas F., Mary Alida, Robert Gerald, and George Edward.

PATRICK P. DOWNEY—As the owner of a prosperous and useful business enterprise in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, Patrick P. Downey has for nearly twenty years been active in the manufacture and recutting of files. Devoting his attention to a single special line of activity, his work is contributing in a marked degree to the progress of those industries which he supplies and to the general hardware trade.

Mr. Downey's lifetime has been spent in the State of Massachusetts, and he is a son of Michael and Mary (Healey) Downey, both natives of Killarney, Ireland, who came to this country in their youth and who both died in 1914. The father was a stone mason by trade, and followed this trade until his death. He was a man of industry, thrift, and energy, loyal to those in whose employ he was active, and esteemed by all who knew him.

Patrick P. Downey received a practical education in the public schools, and as a young man was variously employed until the year 1904. He then purchased the present interest from its founder, the late William Hart, of Worcester, who established the business in 1865. Mr. Hart continued as the owner and manager of the enterprise until an advanced age, turning it over to Mr. Downey in the year mentioned above. Mr. Downey has carried the business forward successfully, and has developed it considerably. With a plant at No. 225 Webster Street, equipped with the most approved machinery for the work in hand, he employs from four to six men, and turns out a great quantity of work. He manufactures a general line of new files, and makes a specialty of recutting files. The business is known under the title of the Worcester File Company, and the product is widely distributed. Mr. Downey takes a deep interest in the general advance, and bears a part in every worthy movement. He is a member of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and, with his family, is a member of the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.

Patrick P. Downey married, in 1888, Mary A. McDermott, who was born in Worcester, and they are the parents of the following children: Thomas F., now senior lieutenant in the United States Navy, and efficiency officer at Portsmouth Navy Yard; Daniel J., deceased; George W., junior grade lieutenant, United States

Navy, retired, who served on the United States steamship "Utah" during the World War; Harold M., who served as a seaman in the United States Navy during the World War, and is now identified with the Worcester Fire Department; Raymond J., now active in the United States Coast Artillery; Francis B., also in the Coast Artillery; Loretta M., Mary C., James P., Joseph D., and Reta Ethel.

HON. GEORGE F. BUTTERICK—Markedly successful in a field in which too many men gain only a bare subsistence, Hon. George F. Butterick is broadly representative of the thoroughly progressive up-to-date agriculturist, and is a noted fruit grower of New England. A native and lifelong resident of Sterling, Massachusetts, he is one of the influential men of the community, both in a business way and through his public services, and the people of Sterling look up to him as an honored leader of progress. He is a son of George and Sarah L. (Keyes) Butterick, prominent people of Sterling, Massachusetts, a generation ago.

George F. Butterick was born in Sterling, Massachusetts, August 16, 1855. His education was begun in the local public schools, and later attending Howe's Business College at Worcester, Massachusetts, he laid a broadly practical foundation for a successful career. He was not, however, interested in the business world so far as mercantile or manufacturing activities are concerned, but returned to the farm in the community in which he was reared, and has demonstrated that practical business training and sincere business principles count for success in agriculture as well as in the crowded centers of population. In 1887 Mr. Butterick removed to Lancaster, Massachusetts, where for about thirteen years he acted as superintendent of the George F. Morse farm, of Lancaster. In 1900 he returned to Sterling and purchasing the Fitchburg farm, has made this beautiful two hundred acre place his permanent home. In addition to diversified farming Mr. Butterick does considerable fruit growing, making a specialty of apples. He serves on the executive committee of the Associated Growers of Sterling Apples, Inc.

The public service of George F. Butterick has followed practical lines, and he has filled official responsibility in many branches of the local government. He was first Overseer of the Poor, then Assessor. He was later elected to the Board of Selectmen, was Superintendent of Streets and Road Commissioner. He is now a member of the Municipal Light Board. For many years Mr. Butterick was made Moderator at the town meetings, and in all branches of community advance he bears a constructive and ever progressive part. As long ago as 1909 the high honor was accorded him of election to the Massachusetts State Assembly, and he was again elected to the legislative halls of the State in 1919. In his service to the Commonwealth he has been as signally useful as in his local endeavors for the community, and the people have felt that in his activities in the affairs of the State they were well represented by Mr. Butterick's dignified and unexceptionable bearing. Mr. Butterick is affiliated fraternally with Lancaster Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and attends the Unitarian church.

George F. Butterick married, at Sterling, Massachu-

setts, November 24, 1881, Sarah R. Burpee, daughter of James and Eunice (Goss) Burpee. Mr. and Mrs. Butterick are the parents of two daughters: 1. Ellen C., born November 3, 1884, now the wife of Vernon R. Harris, and they are the parents of the following children: Ruhamah, Evelyn, Dorothy, and Barbara. 2. Florence H., born March 8, 1886, now the wife of Welby H. McCollom, they are the parents of A. Welby Francis.

EMILIANO N. NIRO—In the younger group of business executives of Milford, Massachusetts, Emiliano N. Niro is holding a prominent position, and while well started on the road to success from a personal standpoint, he is also contributing in a marked degree to the welfare of the community, his line of activity being that of the heating and lighting contractor. Mr. Niro is a native of Italy, and a son of Luigi and Marian (Calzone) Niro, who were both born in Italy, but lived in the United State for a number of years.

Emiliano N. Niro was born in Italy, February 7, 1900. The family coming to America in his childhood and settling in Milford, Massachusetts, his early education was acquired in the grammar schools of this community. Early choosing his present activity as his future field of endeavor, the young man entered Hawley School of Engineering, from which he was graduated in due course. In April, 1918, Mr. Niro became associated with his cousin, Matthew N. Niro, in the founding of a business along the line of heating and lighting. As contractors in this field these young men are going forward to large success, and Mr. Niro's activities are contributing in a marked degree to the prosperity and growth of the enterprise. Their headquarters are at No. 15 Main Street, where they meet all the electrical needs of the vicinity along the lines of engineering and contracting. Emiliano N. Niro is a thoroughly progressive and representative young man of the day, interested in all civic and social advance, and he is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Niro married, October 28, 1922, at Middleboro, Massachusetts, Sadie J. Burton, daughter of John Wilford and Mary (McDonald) Burton.

NICHOLAS CERUTI, prominent in the social and commercial life of Milford, Massachusetts, and successful as a wholesale fruit dealer, is one of the leading figures in Italian-American circles in this part of Worcester County, and as the head of a family, is a man of dignity and responsibility in the community.

Mr. Ceruti was born in Genoa, Italy, June 28, 1884, and came to the United States as a young man, locating in Brockton, Massachusetts, where he was connected with the shoe industry for thirteen years. Then, in the year 1912, he came to Milford and settled permanently. Here he established a wholesale fruit business in partnership with A. Barbadoro, whose life is reviewed elsewhere in this work, although Mr. Ceruti was the active manager of the business. It was most successful, and with the passing of the years has developed to a largely prosperous and important interest. Mr. Barbadoro retiring from the partnership in 1916, Mr. Ceruti has since carried the business forward independently. His success is not only a matter for which he may be congratulated, but it contributes to the general welfare and prosperity

of the community, for in all the efforts of the people toward civic betterment and social advance, he bears a constructive part, giving of his time and means to advance all worthy endeavors. He is a Republican by political affiliation and a worker in the ranks of the party, but has never sought the honors or responsibilities of office. Fraternally Mr. Ceruti is identified with Milford Lodge, No. 628, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart.

Mr. Ceruti married, at Milford, Massachusetts, on March 5, 1907, Emma Tognozzi, daughter of Antonia and Victoria Tognozzi. Mr. and Mrs. Ceruti are the parents of five children: Harold, Lester, Nicholas, Alfred, and Oliver.

JAMES E. O'LEARY, throughout the entire period of his active career, has been identified with the business of the Deerfoot Farm Company, of whose dairy and park departments he is now manager. From the position of office boy he has risen to his present place of responsibility and trust, and his thorough acquaintance with every department of the business is an important factor in his notably efficient management.

Born in White Rock, Nova Scotia, July 20, 1876, Mr. O'Leary is a son of James Otis and Amy (Corkum) O'Leary. He removed to Southboro, Massachusetts, with his parents when he was a child four years of age, and received his training in the public schools of the last named town. In October, 1904, he began his long connection with the Deerfoot Farm Company as an office boy, whose duty it was to make himself generally useful. He kept the office tidy, ran errands, substituted for absentee employees, and demonstrated his ability and versatility by efficiently handling a variety of jobs and successfully meeting a variety of emergencies. Later he was made bookkeeper and placed in charge of the office, and in October, 1918, after twenty-four years of faithful service, he was promoted to the position of manager of the business. The duties of that responsible position he has continued to discharge most efficiently to the present time (1923). Mr. O'Leary has won the confidence and esteem of his business associates in a high degree, and he has a host of personal friends who value him for his sterling qualities of character and for his genial personality. Fraternally he is a member of St. Bernard Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Southboro; and his religious affiliation is with St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Southboro.

James E. O'Leary married, on November 19, 1902, at Marlboro, Massachusetts, Bertha Maud Priest, daughter of Edwin and Jane (Brown) Priest.

DANTE GUERRA, a noteworthy figure in the business life of Milford, Massachusetts, for more than a quarter of a century, has been active as the head of a wholesale bakery, and has taken a deep interest in all branches of social and benevolent progress in this community. Mr. Guerra is a son of Thomas and Josephine (Gubano) Guerra, natives of Italy, who lived and died in that country.

Dante Guerra was born at Milan, Italy, December 25, 1876. Receiving a broadly practical education in the schools of his native city, he came to the United States

at the age of nineteen years, landing on this side April 16, 1895. He spent nine months in the city of New York, then came to Milford, Massachusetts, on February 12, 1896, and took over the wholesale bakery of which he has since been the manager, and which formerly belonged to Leopold Castiglioni. From the beginning Mr. Guerra was successful in the operating of this interest, and with the passing of the years he has materially expanded it until now it is one of the leading concerns in its field in this part of Worcester County. Mr. Guerra has since become one of the progressive and esteemed citizens of Milford, and fraternally is prominent as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Order of the Sons of Italy, of which last-named organization he is now president (1923). He is a member of the Italian Church of the Sacred Heart.

Dante Guerra married, on January 11, 1906, at Milford, Massachusetts, Letti Castiglioni, daughter of Leopold and Emma (Marchese) Castiglioni, and they are the parents of one child, Harold, born March 16, 1907.

BENJAMIN VITALINI, one of the foremost Italian-American citizens of Milford, Massachusetts, has won a position of wide prominence and has gained the respect and confidence of the people as a retail dealer in coal. A member of a distinguished family of Italy, Mr. Vitalini is a son of Batista and Maria Vitalini.

Benjamin Vitalini was born in Italy, March 28, 1864, and received his education in the schools of his native town. Coming to America as a young man he settled permanently in Milford, in the summer of 1886, and secured employment as a stone cutter. Energetic and industrious, and ambitious to gain an independent position in life, he saved his money for the purpose of gaining a start in an independent business, and in 1908 opened his present coal office. A unique feature of this business establishment is that the owner built his place of business and also his home, which is attached, entirely by himself. He has been largely successful, and with his practical business ability has come forward, gaining friends among his customers and securing for himself a place where he commands the esteem and confidence of the people. In the decade and a half since he established the present business he has greatly increased his operations, adding modern improvements to his equipment and continually extending the scope of his trade. Mr. Vitalini takes a deep interest in various branches of community and organized effort, is a mem-

ber of the Stone Cutters' Union, and of the Order of the Sons of Italy, of which he has been president for five years, also of the American Order of Foresters. Mr. Vitalini is deeply interested in Americanization work among his fellow countrymen who have come to our shores, and has done much good in local Italian-American circles in work of this nature. He possesses marked musical talent and was a member of the Milford Brass Band, holding the distinction of being the only Italian in this organization. His religious affiliation is with the Italian Roman Catholic Church, in which he has been active since the organization of the parish, and he also helped to build the church edifice.

Mr. Vitalini married, in Italy, on February 19, 1890, Verda Maria, and they are the parents of six children, as follows: Batista, Maria, Lina, Walter, Rose, and one who died in infancy.

NICHOLAS P. CASASANTE is one of the citizens of Milford, Worcester County, who through his musical ability is adding much to the enjoyment of life in his community. As a musician, as a teacher of music, and as a leader of vocal and instrumental musical organizations, he is also doing much to develop the ability of others, as well as contributing a large personal share to the musical life of the city.

Born in Milford, Massachusetts, March 2, 1866, Mr. Casasante is a son of John and Antoinette (Villani) Casasante. He received his education in the public schools of Milford, and since the completion of his school training has been continuously engaged in studying and teaching music. He teaches the violin and other stringed instruments, and for the past ten years has been the enthusiastic and efficient leader of an eight-piece orchestra in Milford. He is also notably successful as a choir director. In fraternal activities he takes an active part, being a member of Lodge No. 587, Loyal Order of Moose; of Lodge No. 828, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of Valencia Council, No. 80, Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Indian Club of Milford; and of the Planis Athletic Club. His religious affiliation is with the Church of the Sacred Heart (Italian), while he serves as the very efficient leader of the choir.

Nicholas P. Casasante married, on September 7, 1919, at Milford, Massachusetts, Nellie Cervone, daughter of Joseph and Regalia Cervone, and they are the parents of one child, Regina, who was born in Milford, Massachusetts.



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